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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

Several Southern cities will be visited by Admiral Schley in January and February. —— Floods in the South cause serious delays in the mail service. —— Heavy frost reported in the northern and central portions of Florida. —— The bodies of tree people drowned at West Point, Ga., have been recovered. —— The funeral of Miss Nellie Cropsey in Brooklyn, N. Y., was attended by about five hundred persons. —— Louis Bitzer, of Turner's Fall, Mass., attempts to exterminate his whole family. —— President Roosevelt has demanded the resignation of D. N. Nunn, internal revenue collector for fifth Tennessee district, for alleged violation of civil service regulations. —— James Wilcox, held in connection with the death of Miss Ella Cropsey, will be given a preliminary hearing to-day. —— The water in the James river at Richmond, Va., is within four feet of the level of the great freshet of 1877; certain sections of the city are submerged, but the loss will not be heavy as there was time to move stocks. —— Germany will not resort to coercive measures in forcing Venezuela to settle under four or five weeks, although events may shorten this period. —— Secretary Gage says the condition of the U. S. Treasury is one of unexampled strength at the close of the year —— New York markets: Money on call firm at 6@15 per cent.; cotton steady at 87.16c; flour market dull at old prices, closing firm; wheat—spot dull; No. 2 red 88½c; corn—spot steady; No. 2, 70½c; rosin steady; spirits turpentine quiet.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 31.

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 33 degrees; 8 P. M., 48 degrees; maximum, 56 degrees; minimum, 33 degrees; mean, 44 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .03; rainfall since 1st of the month to date, 4.72 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, N. C., at 8 A. M. 35.5 feet

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Fair Wednesday with colder weather in northeast portion; Thursday fair; fresh west winds.

Senator Quay is writing his political reminiscences, which he will call "Forty Years in Politics." If he tells all he knows there will be some interesting reading in it, although some of it might not be very edifying.

There is such a thing for a young lady as being too popular. Miss Hull, of St. Louis, attended a ball, and was in such demand as a partner that she danced herself into a comatose state from which it took the doctors seven hours to bring her.

Cabinet officers receive $8,000 a year, while it costs them somewhere between $25,000 and $50,000 a year to live, in accordance with the amount of style they put on. As there isn't any money in that it must be the fun they have that induces men to throw up jobs that pay and take these.

There was a double wedding in Springfield, Mass., a few days ago in which a man married his sister-in-law and his daughter married her cousin, the son of the elder bride, and now these married people are racking their brains to solve the problem of the relationship they bear to each other all 'round.

Congressman Kerr, of Ohio, is laboring on a life of the late Senator Sherman, who left $10,000 to defray expenses of publishing his biography. It is said that he carefully kept every letter he received from prominent persons in this and other countries. He thought they might come to be useful some time.

The STAR is under obligations to Swift & Company, Chicago, for a very handsome classic calendar. There are four pages under a neat cover, each ornamented with a picture of a woman in Grecian costume, representing the four seasons, very artistic and handsome. Ten cents in stamps or money, addressed to Swift & Company, stock yards, Chicago, will get it.

German statesmen talk about the "American menace." But there is an American menace which doesn't seem to have created any alarm yet. It is the menace to beer. Seven thousand barrels of Kentucky bourbon were recently shipped to that country, and they liked it so well that they are ordering it right along. After filling up on that they can see twice as much as they saw before.

For LaGrippe and Influenza use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.
For sale by Hardin's Palace Pharmacy.

LOCAL DOTS.

— For other local see fourth page.

— The cutter *Algonquin* arrived in port yesterday morning.

— The Produce Exchange will be closed to-day on account of the holiday.

— A dark green lap robe was lost on the streets yesterday. See business local column

— Christian Science service in the Masonic Temple, Room No. 10, to-night at 8 o'clock.

— The schooner *Abbie G. Cole* passed out at Southport at 7 A. M., yesterday and the British steamship *Riftswood* at 1:30 P. M.

— December was a record-breaker as to marriage licenses. Twenty of the certificates were issued to white couples and 24 to colored.

— The regular monthly business meeting of the N. C. Sorosis will be held to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock at its club room on Fifth street.

— The STAR returns thanks to the Robert Portner Brewing Co., Mr. Otto Banck, manager, for an exceedingly attractive calendar for the New Year.

— There will be a regular monthly meeting of the Dorcas Society to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Lutheran Memorial Building. A full attendance is desired.

— The Pannill Paint and Paint Solder Manufacturing Company has opened an office at No. 116 North Water Street, next door to the D. L. Gore Company's store.

— Announcement is made of the coming marriage of Miss Mary Lena Styron, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Lena Styron, of this city, to Mr. Walter G. Croom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. M. Croom, of Burgaw, N. C.

— Notwithstanding the statement by many that Xmas, 1901, was one of the dullest in years, the arrests by the police for the month of December were 114. Of this number, 54 of the offenders were white and 60 colored.

— The city and county public schools and many of the private institutions of learning will resume their terms to-morrow. Teachers, who spent the holidays at their homes in different parts of the State, are returning on nearly every train.

— Mr. Furney Gooding was the victim of an exciting experience Monday night. He was driving to his home after night-fall from the mill where he is employed. His horse became frightened at a dummy street car used in hauling soil from the Princess street paving and ran away. Mr. Gooding was thrown from his road cart and painfully bruised.

— Charlotte *Observer*: "An Odd Fellows regalia that was captured somewhere in this section of the State during the civil war, has been sent to Mr. J. G. Shannonhouse by a lady in Washington City. Her object is to have the regalia restored to its rightful owner. It is a regulation Odd Follows regalia and was captured by Federal soldiers. On the regalia is the name of J. W. Leland. This should be sufficient to locate the owner."

Committee Meeting this Afternoon.

The joint committee appointed by the commercial bodies of the city to make an effort to secure a double daily passenger service on the Carolina Central railroad between Wilmington and Hamlet will meet at 3 o'clock this afternoon in the Chamber of Commerce rooms, North Front Street. It is probable that a delegation of business men will visit the officials at Portsmouth in their efforts to secure the service. The committee is composed of Messrs. L. B. Rogers and H. W. Malloy, of the Produce Exchange; T. W. Clawson and L. Bluethenthal, of the Chamber of Commerce; W. E. Worth and Geo. R. French, of the Merchants' Association, and Messrs. W. B. Cooper and J. H. Watters, of the Wholesale Grocers Association.

L'Elite German Club.

One of the prettiest germans of the season was danced last night in the handsome Masonic Temple ball room by L'Elite German Club, composed of the younger society set of Wilmington. The ball room was handsomely decorated and the music was by the Carolina Orchestra, of Raleigh. Mr. Platt W. Davis gracefully led with Miss May Ella Rankin and about thirty couples participated. The chaperones were Mrs. W. G. Pulliam and Miss Belle Anderson.

A Fine Wild Turkey.

Chairman D. McEachern, of the Board of County Commissioners, yesterday received a very fine wild turkey as a New Year's gift from Mr. W. H. Shearin, superintendent of the convict squad at Castle Haynes. It was killed near the camp and was one of the finest wild fowls ever seen in the city.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

M. H. Croom—New saloon.
Opera House—"Sag Harbor."
E. Warren & Son—Ice cream.
Fishblate Clothing Co.—Thanks.
Atlantic National Bank—Dividend.
A. D. Brown—Happy and prosperous
Wilmington Gas Light Co.—Quick.
Carolina Ins. Co.—Dividend notice.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Lost—Lap robe.
A. J. Marshall—Residences for sale.

The C. W. Polvogt Co. wish their friends and patrons a Happy and Prosperous New Year and extend to them a cordial welcome during 1902. †

A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Appropriate Ceremonies On the Streets and in the Churches Last Midnight.

MANY XMAS ATTRACTIONS.

Watch-Night Services by Grace, Fifth Street and First Baptist Congregations — Holiday Exercises at Many Other Churches.

Locally the new year of 1902 was ushered in last midnight with appropriate ceremony, much of the same nature as has characterized "the passing of the old and the approaching of the new" in former years. On the streets many gave vent to their feelings by the exploding of fireworks and the harbor craft on the river cheerily welcomed the new year with the chiming of bells and blowing of whistles. Factory engineers also contributed to the fitness of the hour and everywhere pervaded a feeling of sorrow at the passing out of the old mingled with a spirit of pleasant anticipation at the coming of the new.

In several of the churches the occasion was made a fervent one of prayer and song. Congregations bowed in silence, thanked God for the blessings for the past and invoked Divine counsel and guidance for the future. At Grace Methodist church very appropriate watch-night services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. N. Cole, beginning at 11:15 o'clock. There was a large attendance and the exercises were much enjoyed. The service consisted of scriptural reading, song and prayer. Appropriate remarks were made by the pastor and as the bells tolled midnight the congregation was engaged in prayer led by Mr. W. W. Hodges and followed by Rev. Mr. Cole. The congregation arose singing, "Lord, in the Strength of Grace, with Glad Heart and Free, Myself, My Residue of Days, I Consecrate to Thee." This was followed by the benediction and a happy exchange of New Year's greetings.

The watch-night services at Fifth Street M. E. church were conducted by Rev. John H. Hall and were of an impressive nature. Song and prayer went up from the congregation and a highly appropriate address was made by Rev. Mr. Hall after the reading of a Psalm. At midnight the congregation was engaged in silent prayer and after dismissal the congregation engaged for some time in hearty handshaking and well wishing for the New Year.

At the First Baptist church from 9 to 12 o'clock a most charming entertainment was given by the young ladies. The programme consisted of a vocal quartette by Misses Shepherd and Barnes, Messrs. Westbrook and McGeachy; duet by Miss Foster and Mr. Rorke; vocal solo by Miss Annie Taylor, accompanied by Mrs. C. L. Taylor; recitation by Mr. Rorke and violin solo by Miss Foster, accompanied by Miss Fannie Corbett. Each number was heartily enjoyed and recalled by unstinted applause. The Gypsy camp was beautiful with Miss Whitney, Miss Huggins and Miss Everett as fortune tellers. With many cords attached to the bell rope the young ladies rang out the old and rang in the New Year at midnight. A very neat sum was realized for refurnishing the Sunday school room. The service concluded with the singing of the doxology and benediction by the pastor. This was followed by a merry exchange of New Year's greetings.

Many of the Sunday schools which had not given their Xmas entertainments earlier enjoyed them last night, and all were of an elaborate and pleasing nature.

At Brookyon Baptist Church.

The holiday entertainment last night by the Brooklyn Baptist Sunday-school was fully up to the measure of enjoyment of similar occasions in previous years. The church, beautifully decorated, was thronged with happy-faced children, each of whom received a pretty Christmas box filled with candies and fruits. An enjoyable programme of music and recitations was observed and all the children who participated showed careful and painstaking training at the hands of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gore, who had this feature in especial charge. The general committee of arrangements consisted of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gore, Superintendent J. M. McDougall, of the Sunday School; Rev. J. J. Payseur, pastor of the church, and Mr. A. W. Allen.

The following was the programme obaerved:

Song, "Welcome," Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gore, Mrs. J. W. Harper and Capt. J. O. Wiggs.
Welcome, Lillian Woolard.
"One Natal Day," Ruth Jackson.
Christmas Delights, Dollie Bell.
"The New Baby," Theo. Harris.
Group by four boys.
Song by the school.
"Santa Claus and his Reindeer," Ida Murrell.
"Christmas Directions," Jame Duke.
"A Little Child's Christmas," Will D. Farrow.
Group (the months) by twelve little girls.
"Annie and Willie's Prayer," Wilbur Gore.
Song by the school.
"The Shepherd's Carol," Mamie Montgomery.
"The Sweet Old Story," Bertha Wiggs.
"A Christmas Surprise," Mattie King.
"Group Bells" by girls.
"Note from Santa Claus," Barrett Duke.
"A Wonder," Ennis Murrell.

St. Matthew's Lutheran School.

St. Matthew's English Lutheran Sunday school, North Front street, enjoyed its annual Xmas festival last night. The song and scripture service was beautiful, and was witnessed by a crowded church. Rev. C. W. Kegley, the pastor, presided, with Dr. Bernheim, pastor emeritus. A beautiful Christmas tree was provided, and abundant gifts of delicacies were presented by the teachers in the Sunday school as follows: Dr. Bernheim; Mr. W. W. Koch, superintendent of the school; Miss Sophia Hintze, Miss Emma Hutaff and Mrs. G. D. Bernheim. The committee on arrangements consisted of Miss Sophia Hintze, Mrs. Miller, Miss Emma Hutaff and Mr. W. W. Koch.

At St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

The Sunday school of St. Paul's Episcopal church gave a delightful holiday entertainment last evening, which was thoroughly enjoyed by a very large number of children. Presents were distributed from a pretty tree and a splendid musical programme was observed by the choir and the school as a whole. A feature of the exercises was an exceedingly neat little address to the children by the rector, Rev. Wm. Francis Dickinson.

Entertainment on Greenville Sound

The Sunday school on Greenville Sound enjoyed a delightful Xmas holiday festival yesterday afternoon at the Greenville Baptist church. Many kind-hearted ladies and gentlemen from the city provided a pretty tree and gifts were distributed to all present. It was, perhaps, the prettiest entertainment in spirit and in manner of the many given in the city and county.

THE FISHBLATE CLOTHING COMPANY.

Begins New Year With Fresh Determination and Resolution to Stay in Field.

In an attractive advertisemnt in another column the Fishblate Clothing Company wishes each and every patron of its popular store a happy and prosperous New Year.

At the solicitation of hundreds of friends Mr. Fishblate has decided on the eve of the New Year to continue in business, contrary to expectation when he organized his mammoth clearing sale about six weeks ago. The remainder of the large stock of Winter goods are still being sold at cost and the sale will continue until not a vestige is left. In a few weeks Mr. Fishblate will go North to purchase an entire new and up to-date line of clothing and gents' furnishing. In the future he contemplates handling exclusively the famous Strouse & Brothers' high art clothing for men and youth. This manufacture of men's wear is regarded everywhere as equal to the very best custom tailoring. His stock will be new and up to-date. Aside from the usual lines, he will carry a full stock of full dress, Tuxedo and Prince Albert suits.

The STAR is certain that the public will welcome the news that this long established house is to continue an important factor in the commercial world of the city.

OF INTEREST TO PUBLISHERS.

Editors of Publications Disturbed Because of Seemingly Unfounded Reports.

Newspaper publishers in North Carolina have been somewhat agitated the past several days over a report sent out from Chicago that a ruling has just been made by the Postoffice Department to the effect that in the future only newspapers upon which the subscriptions are paid in advance would be admitted to the mails at the "pound rates." Aside from assurances from the local postoffice that there is nothing whatever in the boomerang, the following is taken from the Salisbury correspondent of the Charlotte *Observer*:

"Representative Klutitz has been much interested in the report that the Postoffice Department had ruled that only subscriptions paid in advance were legitimate, as to newspapers and periodicals, as the effect of such a ruling would be to require the prepayment of postage by the paper in all cases. Mr. Klutitz is gratified to find that the published reports to this effect were so exaggerated as to be practically without foundation. Upon inquiry the Postmaster General said that no such ruling has been made. The ruling in question, made by the Third Assistant Postmaster General, had no general effect, but applied only to the particular case of a New York publication, which depended largely upon questionable premium offers for subscriptions. No ruling has been made, nor is likely to be made, which interferes with reasonable and ordinary credit on legitimate subscriptions to regular publications."

Cape Fear Lodge Election.

Cape Fear Lodge, I. O. O. F., last night elected officers for the ensuing term as follows: S. P. G., Geo. Darden; N. G., D. K. LeGwin; V. G., P. Heinsberger, Jr.; R. & F. S., J. T. Riley; Treasurer, Wm. Goodman. Widow and Orphan Committee—W. L. Smith, L. L. Boone, and W. W. Yopp. Building Committee—R. J. Jones, Walker Taylor and W. H. Yopp. Finance Committee—M. W. Jacobi, A. H. Creasy and L. L. Boone. General Relief Committee—Walker Taylor. New Building Committee—W. L. Smith, M. W. Jacobi, W. H. Yopp, S. Behrends and A. H. Creasy. The committee elections are for twelve months; the officers for six months.

— The directors of the Carolina Insurance Company have declared a semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent., the same being payable to stockholders of record on January 10th, 1902.

Taylor's Studio will close at 2:30 o'clock on New Year's Day. †

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THEATRICAL GOSSIP.

Long List of Attractions That Will be Seen Here in the Near Future.

MR. O'NEILL IN MONTE CRISTO

Manager Schloss Gives It His Personal Endorsement—Mabel Paige Coming. "Where The Laugh Comes In" On Its Feet—Other Notes.

"A Breezy Time"—This attraction will be at the Opera House for two performances to-day, matinee and night. The company carries its own band and orchestra and will give a free concert at noon. Matinee prices 25 cents for everybody. This company appeared at Newbern recently and the *Journal* of that city says it gave a thoroughly enjoyable performance.

"Monte Cristo"—The most interesting theatrical event of this season here will perhaps be the appearance of Mr. James O'Neill and a notable cast at the Opera House to morrow night in Liebler & Co.'s colossal scenic production of Monte Cristo. The scenic embellishments are said to be gorgeous, and the realistic effects almost marvellous. It is said that when Liebler & Company determined to furnish a revival of the great romantic play for Mr. O'Neill, they determined that it should if possible, surpass anything of the kind ever seen on the American stage. How well they succeeded can best be seen from the fact that the production as it now stands ran for three months last season in New York, six weeks in Chicago and six weeks in Boston. Seats are now on sale.

"Sag Harbor"—This attraction is booked to be at the Opera House next Friday night. An editorial in the Boston *Transcript* has the following beautiful essay: "You come away from an evening in 'Sag Harbor' at peace with yourself and all the world, and with the pleasantest thoughts imaginable for the place and its inhabitants for having put you in this rarely beatific frame of mind. You've had your emotions just comfortably ruffled—not harassed or harrowed—and you have had the heartiest of laughs punctuating the whole evening's enjoyment." Seat sale begins to-morrow at Gerkens'. Price $1.50, $1.00 and 50c.

Innes' Band—This famous musical organization will be seen at the Opera House to-night week and theatre-goers are looking forward with much pleasure to the event. It comes to Wilmington from Florence, where an engagement will be played on the night previous.

Mabel Paige Company—Mr. Jesse Frysinger, advance agent of the Mabel Paige Company, was in the city yesterday and arranged for the coming of that first class attraction one week beginning next Monday night, with the exception of Wednesday evening, which is surrendered to Innes' Band.

"Where the Laugh Comes In"—The clever company presenting that entertaining play left yesterday for Rocky Mount, where an engagement was filled last night, all its difficulties here having been straightened out, much to the gratification of everybody who saw its performance. Mr. Frysinger, who came here as advance man for the Mabel Paige Company, was secured for its business manager, and he left for Charlotte yesterday.

Personal Card From Manager Schloss.

Manager S. A. Schloss, of the Opera House here, yesterday furnished the press will with the following signed card as to the appearance of "Monte Cristo":

"In announcing the attraction that appears at the Opera House to morrow night, Mr. James O'Neill in Leibler & Co.'s production of 'Monte Cristo,' I wish to personally assure my patrons that as a dramatic performance I will have nothing better to offer this season. Leibler & Co. are the largest theatrical managers in the world, controlling the choicest attractions now before the public and their name is an absolute guarantee. It is seldom that the smaller cities get both the original cast and production, as is the case in this instance, and our people can be assured of witnessing the identical performance as ran all last season in New York city. Respectfully,

"S. A. SCHLOSS,
"Manager Opera House."

Coporal's Body Not Found.

The STAR was misinformed as to the finding of the body of Corporal LeClair, who was drowned several days ago at Fort Caswell. Although a persistent search has been made and a large amount of dynamite used, no trace of the drowned man has been discovered and the most generally accepted theory is that the body has been swept out to sea. Dr. C. H. LeClair, brother of the drowned man, has returned to Uniontown Pa. Before leaving it is learned that he offered a reward for the finding of the body.

Merchant and Boat Owner.

Mr. A. M. Williams, a merchant of Phoenix, N. C., and Capt. Herbert Ward, master of the steamer *Buck*, engaged in an affray at Market dock yesterday morning. They had a dispute over some wood and an epithet applied to Mr. Williams by Capt Ward brought on the difficulty. No serious damage was done and each of the defendants in a case before Justice Fowler, paid the costs and were dismissed. Mr. Williams had previously submitted and paid the costs to another magistrate. Capt. Ward appealed his case to the higher court.

To Bid Adieu to Pastor.

At South Side church to-night an informal farewell reception will be given the pastor, Rev. R. H. Herring, who will leave soon for his new work at Mt. Airy. All members and friends are requested to be present. There will be important business to transact by the congregation of the church.

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PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. A. F. Powell, of Vineland, N. C., is at The Orton.

— Col. A. H. Slocomb, of Fayetteville, arrived in the city last evening.

— David J. Lewis, Esq., of Whiteville, is in the city on a professional visit.

— Mayor Cook, of Fayetteville, was a passenger on the *Hurt*, which arrived yesterday.

— Mr. J. Buck Cooper returned last night from Kenansville, where he spent the holidays.

— Misses Tinie and Alice Pridgen returned home from Canetuck, N. C., where they spent Xmas.

— Miss Ida Black, of Burgaw, and Miss Ethel Black, of Jacksonville, Fla., were arrivals in the city yesterday.

— Mr. John J. Blair, superintendent of the Wilmington graded schools, returned to the city last night.

— Mr. H. C. Moffitt, Clerk of the Superior Court of Columbus county, spent yesterday in the city on a business trip.

— Mr. Louis Weil, a former Wilmington boy, now of Columbia, S. C., is in the city shaking hands with a host of friends.

— Miss Eliza Love, of Asheville, and Miss Robbie Mallard, of Greenville, are guests of Mrs. T. D. Love, South Front street.

— Mr. C. M. Baldwin and wife who have been visiting Mrs. Baldwin's brother at Grovestown, Ga., have returned home.

— Mrs. Neill McQueen and daughter, Miss Sallie, of Gray's Creek, came down to the city yesterday on the steamer *Hurt*.

— Messrs. Allie J. Mitchell, Dave Sinclair and a number of friends left last night to spend New Year's Day at the Charleston Exposition.

— Mr. A. P. McAllister, editor of the *Robesonian*, Lumberton, N. C., is in the city on business connected with his excellent paper.

— A. W. McLean, Esq., president of the Bank of Lumberton and member of the legal firm of McLean & McLean, is in the city on a business and professional visit.

— Messrs. D. B. Sinclair, L. B. Wiggs, J. D. Davis, A. J. Mitchell and W. S. Register left last evening to get a "bird's eye view" of the Exposition at Charleston, S. C.

— Mr. H. M. Wiggs, of Norfolk, Va., after spending the holidays with his parents, Capt. and Mrs. J. O. Wiggs, left last evening for Charleston, S. C., to "take in" the Exposition.

— Mr. Geo. E. Leftwitch, formerly of Wilmington, but now of Greensboro, arrived in the city last evening, and is being cordially greeted by his innumerable friends here. It is hoped that Mr. Leftwitch and his excellent family will return to Wilmington to live.

NEW WHOLESALE GROCERY.

Messrs. Croom & Hunt Will Open Their Doors on Water Street To-day.

Croom & Hunt is the style of a new wholesale and retail grocery firm which will open business to-day at No. 110 North Water street, the store formerly occupied by Mr. T. D. Love. The members of the firm are Mr. Z. V. Croom, a popular young business man, formerly with Mr. L. W. Davis, of this city, and Mr. F. P. Hunt, of Point Caswell.

Both are enterprising gentlemen, and their many friends wish them an abundant success.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

New Saloon—New Goods.

The undersigned respectfully invites his friends and the public generally to call on him at No. 5 North Second street for anything in his line. My goods are all fresh. Shall handle nothing but the best Liquors, Cigars and Tobacco. M. H. CROOM.
jan 1 tf

Opera House
Wednesday, January 1st.
MATINEE AND NIGHT.
"A Breezy Time."
Big company of funny fellows and pretty girls. Watch for the Golf Club Band. Parade at noon. Prices 25c, 35c and 75c. Price Matinee 25c for everybody. dec 29 3t

Opera House
FRIDAY, JANUARY 3RD.
Leibler & Co.'s Beautiful Production of
"SAG HARBOR."
As produced at the
Theatre Republic, New York.
Martha Reese—Miss Chrystal Home.
"A Symphony of the Sea Shore." jan 1 3t

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

The Directors of the Carolina Insurance Company have declared a semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent., payable on January 10th, 1902, to stockholders of record on this date.

M. S. WILLARD,
jan 1 2t 1 8 Secretary.

We Embrace This Opportunity of Thanking

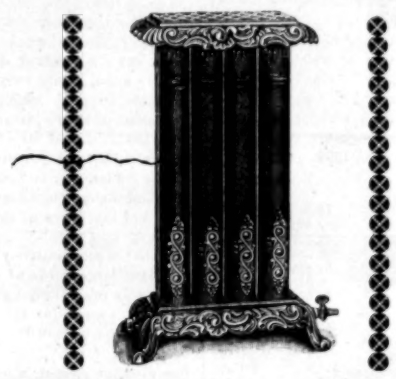
Our customers, one and all, for their patronage during the past year, and trust we will merit a continuance of the same.

We wish you all a

Happy and Prosperous New Year.

FISHBLATE CLOTHING CO.,
DISTRIBUTORS OF
High Grade Clothing.
jan 1 1t

QUICK AND CONVENIENT!



Gas Heaters and Gas Radiators, Lighted Instantly. No trouble No Dirt.

Wilmington Gas Light Co.
jan 1 tf

A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR
---TO ALL!---

I take this method of extending the greetings of the season to my many patrons and the public generally. The passing of 1901 has not been free of the ups and downs of life, and there are many things for which we are thankful. The ushering in of 1902 finds us still at the helm endeavoring to navigate our business with the same success and fidelity as in the past and with even a greater disposition to cater to the wants of this city and surrounding country. In my efforts in attaining success I'll ask the aid of my patrons in making PROMPT PAYMENTS of their accounts. FOR SUCCESS THIS IS NECESSARY. Thanking one and all for past, and soliciting your future patronage.

I am sincerely,

A. D. Brown,
Dry Goods and Carpets.
No. 29 North Front Street, Wilmington, N. C.
jan 1 tf

OPERA HOUSE.
Thursday, Jan. 2.
Most magnificent scenic encompassments ever seen on American stage.
Mr. James O'Neill,
In Liebler & Co.'s stupendous spectacular production of
THE GREATER
Monte Cristo.
$75,000 Invested in Gorgeous Embellishments.
Seat Sale Open Tuesday, December 31.
Prices 25 cents to $1.50.
Direct From Huge Stage of the Academy of Music, New York.
Star Cast Includes Frederic De Belleville,
James O'Neill, Jr., Warren Conlan, W. T. Dixon, Claude Gilbert, Joseph Slaytor, Edward Lally, Edgar Forrest, Mark Ellsworth, Miss Selene Johnson, Kate Fletcher, Virginia Keating, Rebecca Hock and fifty others.
CURTAIN RISES AT 8 P. M. SHARP.
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The Morning Star.

BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD

WILMINGTON, N. C.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JAN. 1.

SHEEP IN THE UNITED STATES.

When the Dingley tariff was framed it put wool on the protected list, and its advocates contended that this would revive the wool-growing industry, which they said had been almost destroyed by the Wilson tariff, which put wool on the free list. There has been some increase in the manufacture of woollen goods, as there would have been regardless of the tariff, but it is doubtful if there has been as much increase as there would have been if wool had remained on the free list. We say it is doubtful because some of our manufactures, such as carpets, and other heavy work, require heavy, cheap wools, which are not grown in this country, and the duties on these made it unprofitable to work them. Although the wool tariff is presumably to protect the wool-growers, it did them no good for that kind of wool they did not grow, but it did hurt the manufacturers who needed that kind of wool but could not afford to pay the duties on it, and consequently their business suffered.

We were also assured that the protection given by the Dingley bill would increase our flocks and cover our farms and pastures with sheep, but the fact is there are not so many sheep in the country now as there were when the Wilson free wool tariff was in operation, as will be seen by the following table from a table prepared by the National Association of Wool Manufacturers, advance sheets of which have been furnished the Boston *Commercial Bulletin*, from which we clip. This table shows the number of sheep in the respective States and Territories January 1, 1893, and April 1, 1901:

States and Territories.	1901.	1893
Maine	251,599	398 704
New Hampshire	65,318	135 848
Vermont	181,760	329 612
Mass	33 445	53 0 2
Rhode Island	6 629	12,260
Connecticut	23 021	42 479
New York	973 464	1,492 528
New Jersey	26 363	61 246
Pennsylvania	775 125	1,637 216
Delaware	6,964	13 551
Maryland	111 253	151,506
Virginia	352 000	498 400
North Carolina	219,000	396 115
South Carolina	56 258	78 344
Georgia	271 534	432,809
Florida	102 644	106,495
Alabama	228,124	358 188
Mississippi	255 334	477 156
Louisiana	105 621	191 951
Texas	2 317 636	4 334 551
Arkansas	168 761	240 326
Tennessee	294,841	541,427
West Virginia	423,000	841,434
Kentucky	464 643	1 237,338
Ohio	2,546,772	4 378,725
Michigan	1,623 991	2,518,546
Indiana	1,020,898	1,080,383
Illinois	631,234	1,187,339
Wisconsin	725 000	1 198 175
Minnesota	409 157	499 941
Iowa	727 169	791,043
Missouri	656,359	1,099 948
Kansas	186 987	389 627
Nebraska	329 487	272 502
South Dakota	427,260	324 000
North Dokata	449,416	390,400
Montana	4 526,517	2,528,098
Wyoming	3,580 856	1 198,567
Colorado	1,352 323	1,231,484
New Mexico	3,700,000	2,730,082
Arizona	668,458	580,879
Utah	2,804 674	2,117,577
Nevada	612,000	555 181
Idaho	2,805 000	764 262
Washington	611,000	823,825
Oregon	2,021,165	2,456,077
California	1,759,850	4,124 376
Oklahoma	31,000	....
Total	41,920,900	47,273,553

This is followed by a statement showing the distribution of flocks by sections. We quote again from the *Commercial Bulletin*:

Using the figures of the April flock alone the Association groups together twenty-one Northern States where sheep are a farm, not a ranch product: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and Missouri.

This group of April 1, 1870, had 20,693,000 sheep. In 1901 only 11,683,000.

It groups the following as Southern States: Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Tennessee.

"On April 1, 1870, this group had 2 986,000 sheep. On April, 1901, it had only 2,054,000

"It groups the following as trans Mississippi States: Kansas Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma.

"On April, 1, 1870, this group had 4,799,000 sheep. In 1901 they had 28,183,000."

These are significant figures and facts, effectually disposing of theories, contentions, predictions and assertions. The first table shows that there were in this country on the first of April this year, over six and a half millions fewer sheep than there were on the first of January, 1893, when wool had no tariff protection, the logical deduction from which is that as a sheep-growing stimulator the protective tariff has proved a failure.

As might naturally be expected the average price of sheep is higher now than formerly, having advanced firm an average of about $2 a head for about twenty years, to $2.93. But this increase is not in consequence of the tariff, or the increased value of wool, or the larger demand for wool. It is, in our opinion, due largely, although perhaps not altogether, to the growing demand for lambs and mutton, which has been very large within the past few years. The fact is that many farmers, who attach little or no importance to the value of the fleeces, raise sheep for the butcher, and consequently breed the sheep that is best suited for that purpose—large framed sheep.

When the wool protectionists were clamoring for protection that meant prohibition of foreign wools the advocates of free wool contended that even admitting that such protection might benefit some wool growers who had fine flocks and produced heavy fleeces of fine wool, it would not benefit the average sheep raiser, and therefore as an aid to wool growing in the larger sense it would be a failure, and that instead of being a benefit it would be an injury to the farmer who did not make wool growing a feature of his farming.

Glance over the subdivision of States, as published above from the report of the National Association of Wool Manufacturers, and see if it does not support this condition. With all the protection given by the Dingley tariff there are some six and a half million fewer sheep in this country than there were eight years ago, and nearly three-fourths of the total number in the country are in the States and Territories where land is comparatively cheap and pasturage abundant and cheap. There are a little over half as many sheep in the so-called farming States—that is the States east of the Mississippi—as there were twenty years ago, while in the West, where pasturage is abundant and land comparatively cheap, there are about seven times as many. This is proof enough and conclusive that the sheep growing industry is not dependent on and is not made profitable by tariff protection, but is dependent upon the cheapness of the range and pasturage for the sheep. Sheep cannot be profitable stock on land which costs a hundred dollars an acre or more, while they may be profitable on land which costs a few dollars or where pasturage privileges are purchased for a few cents an acre. There sheep, even of the coarser grades, may be raised profitably, and that's where nearly three-fourths of the flocks of the United States are now raised.

While the comparatively few men who have large herds of fine wool sheep, who raise them not only for wool, but to sell for stock sheep, may have been benefited by the protective tariff, the farmers who give no special attention to sheep raising have benefitted nothing by it, and the people of the country at large have paid millions of dollars more than they should have paid for woollen goods in consequence of the duties on wool and woollen goods.

COTTON AND TOBACCO.

As tobacco culture is increasing in the eastern section of this State, in many instances taking the place of cotton, while sometimes cotton again takes the place of tobacco when the tobacco grower's expectations were not realized, the following, which we clip from the Charleston *News and Courier*, will be interesting:

"The relative merits of cotton and tobacco is a question of perennial and widening in this part of the country and many cotton farmers in South Carolina will be glad to have some added light on it. In a letter printed a few days ago, Mr. C. A. Bray, a tobacco dealer of Greensboro, N. C., presents some comparative figures, derived from Government statistics and other sources, which he thinks are also conclusive. They show, he says, the following facts:

"The average yield of cotton per acre in the United States, as shown by the crops of the last ten years, is 200 pounds. The highest estimate of the average for 1901 is 190 pounds. Having regard to the local conditions alone, the statistics show that the average for North Carolina, for 1901, will be a fraction over 143 pounds per acre, which, at the price of 7½ cents, the average price paid for it, represents a value of $10.60 per acre.

"The average yield of tobacco per acre for the same State in 1901, "the worst tobacco year since 1889," is 525 pounds. The average price paid in the Greensboro market for the month of November was $8.80 per 100 pounds, though only the poorest tobacco was offered, as the farmers do not care to handle their good tobacco in dry weather. Even at the low average price stated, however, an acre of tobacco represents $46.62, or 340 per cent better than cotton.

"Speaking for his own section of North Carolina, Mr. Bray adds: 'This is a very poor cotton section, and will, therefore, fall below the average yield for the State, while we are in the heart of the best tobacco growing section, and can produce far above the State's average yield. Cotton at $10.60 per acre; tobacco at $46.62 per acre. It does not take a Solomon to decide between them' And he asks, finally: "If cotton is more profitable than tobacco, why did farmers in the very heart of the cotton belt in North and South Carolina abandon it and turn their attention to tobacco, and that at a time when tobacco was at the lowest price in forty years?'"

There is little room for doubt that as between the two, taking all the chances on prices, tobacco is the better paying crop, but it is an ugly and a very troublesome crop to handle, which necessitates not only industry and care, but skill in the handling. A little carelessness or want of skill in handling may ruin a most promising crop and leave the grower little for his labor, when he should have realized handsomely. We have known tobacco growers who made more clear money out of a few acres of well cultivated, well handled, properly cured and assorted tobacco than others did out of five times as many acres of just as good tobacco, but who did not give it the care and attention it should have had. While neither is a crop to boast of, tobacco, taking all the chances, is a surer and a better crop than cotton, at least on land where it takes from three to four acres to make a bale.

AN IMMENSE TERRITORY

One of the most troublesome factors the British have to deal with in their war in South Africa is the immense territory that they have to operate in, and their ignorance of much of it while the Boers are familiar with it. Cape Colony contains 277,150 square miles, over four times as large as North Carolina, Orange River colony contains 48,320 square miles, nearly as large as North Carolina. The Transvaal contains 113,620 square miles, and Natal 18,910, about 458,000 in all, while Rhodesai contains 750,000 square miles.

This is the territory where the British troops have to operate in and here, leaving out Rhodesia, the small bodies of fighting Boers have plenty of room to strike and change base when they find it advisable. The British, not knowing the country so well, cannot pursue as successfully as the Boers, who know the country well, can move. From Cape Town to Pretoria is 1,040 miles; from Makefing to Pretoria 160; from Kimberley to Makefing 223; from Durbin to Pretoria 511; from Cape Town to Kimberley 647, and Makefing to Beira 1,135. These are the distances the British troops must cover from town to town, harassed by bold men if on foot, and put in jeopardy if they move by rail.

There are now over 200,000 British troops in that territory, 45,000 of whom are in the field in active service, trying to corral the Boers, while the remainder are stationed in the towns or in the block houses which Gen. Kitchener is erecting. Fighting all these men, and keeping these 45,000 on the move, there are supposed to be about 9,000 Boers. If they could be cornered they could not hold out long against such odds, but while they have such a field to operate in they may prolong the war indefinitely.

The people of St. Thomas, one of the Danish West Indies, are holding meetings protesting against the sale of the islands to this country. In view of the experience of the Philippines and Porto Rico, this is not surprising.

BOOK NOTICES.

The Century Magazine, for January, is superb, and as interesting as the illustrations are beautiful. The story of "The Settlement of the West" is continued with many other articles, which the reader will find enjoyable, and some of them instructive as well as entertaining. Published by The Century Company, Union Square, New York.

Love's Itinerary is the title of the January number of Appleton's Town and Country Library, an entertaingly told story of 301 pages, interesting from beginning to end. It begins with the "Devil to Pay" and ends all right by the hero settling down in Ireland. Address D. Appleton and Company, publishers, New York.

McClure's Magazine for January, is an exceedingly interesting number, containing among other articles one on "Army Jack," a dog story, "Personal Reminiscenses of Famous Men and Women;" "David Crockett," "The One Who Thought," a South African war story—and others, all handsomely illustrated. Published by the S. S. McClure Company 141-155 East 25th street, New York.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— Iowa now ranks Ohio at Washington. The Republican leader in the Senate, the Speaker of the House, the Secretary of Agriculture and the prospective Secretary of the Treasury are all Iowans. It is to be admitted, however, that Iowa has sent able men to Washington. It is probable that no State in the Union sets a higher standard for her public men than Iowa.—*Savannah News, Dem.*

——President Roosevelt has made an undoubted hit in the selection of Governor Shaw, of Iowa, to succeed Secretary Gage at the head of the Treasury Department. It is a democratic choice. The welfare of Wall street will not be especially considered by the new appointee except where a hard-headed, prudent, careful and competent man can clearly see that Wall street welfare runs parallel with the public welfare.—*Philadelphia Record, Dem.*

—— Germany, in trying the method of persuasion adopted by Uncle Sam to secure his little bill from the Turk, may not find Venezuela so tractable. The American, whether of the Northern or Southern division of the continent, is a stubborn citizen, and when he says he won't it will take something more than a mere demonstration to compel him. For that reason the Kaiser may have some very interesting entertainment before he gets through with the little South American republic.—*Chattanooga Times, Ind.*

A Fireman's Close Call.

"I stuck to my engine, although every joint ached and every nerve was racked with pain," writes C. W. Bellamy, a locomotive fireman, of Burlington, Iowa. "I was weak and pale, without any appetite and all run down. As I was about to give up, I got a bottle of Electric Bitters and, after taking it, I felt as well as I ever did in my life." Weak, sickly, run down people always gain new life, strength and vigor from their use. Try them. Satisfaction guaranteed by R. R. Bellamy. Price 50 cents. †

Dr. PIERCE'S FAVORITE PRESCRIPTION FOR WEAK WOMEN.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Lumberton *Robesonian*: Mrs. W. W. Rowland, nee Miss Lula Rancke, died at her home near Rowland Sunday night.

— Charlotte *Observer*: Mr. W. D. Cowles, of Charlotte, received a telegram Monday night, announcing the death of his uncle, Hon. William Henry Harrison Cowles, at his home near Wilkesboro Monday afternoon. The message contained no particulars as to the cause of his death and it was impossible to communicate with Wilkesboro last night

— Raleigh *News and Observer*: John Brady, the negro who shot and killed E. A. Smith, of Elton College, on Christmas day, was caught in Charlotte Sunday. The shooting, which occurred in a drunken brawl at the home of Deck Whitsell, about three miles from Eaton College, resulted in the death of Smith, who, at the time was endeavoring to quiet the mob.

— Kinston *Free Press*: Our community was surprised and shocked Monday morning to learn that a young woman about 25 years of age, Miss Minnie Evans, housekeeper for the family of Mayor Geo B Webb, committed suicide by taking carbolic acid The young woman has been housekeeper for Mr. Webb for several years. She is originally from Grifton. —— We are informed of the death of Mrs. Jesse R. Moore, near Snow Hill. She was found in her room at her father's, Mr. J. D Britt, Friday morning. We are unable to learn as to the cause of her death.

— Alamance *Gleaner*: Graham is forging ahead. Another cotton mill —Voorhees Manufacturing Co.—has been organized and incorporated under the laws of North Carolina. The incorporators are Mrs. C S. D. Pomeroy and her two sons, James V. and Theo O., and daughter, Miss Grace. The authorized capital is $100,000. We understand it will be a weave mill. —— Wednesday afternoon, in the yard at the home of W. D. Whitesell, in Boon Station township, a difficulty arose between R. A. C. Kernodle and a negro man named Griffin. Another negro man was present, besides Mr. Smith, son-in-law of Kernodle, who was several yards away. One of the negroes shot and the bullet took effect in the region of Smith's heart, and his recovery is considered hopeless.

TWINKLINGS.

— The man of one idea need not be ashamed. One is a good fair average.—*Life*

—Mr. Woodby—Is he a society man? Miss Freshly—I guess so; I never heard of him doing anything.—*Town Topics.*

"So they were divorced. What was the cause?" "He infatuated with gardening and she insited on keeping chickens."—*Judge.*

— "A Massachusetts woman has eloped with a man half her age." "I thought they called that abduction."—*Cleveland Plain Dealer.*

— Mr. Strong (after the quarrel)—You will return my love letters, of course. Miss Jimplecute—I haven't kept them.—*Somerville Journal.*

— The man who had the highest thermometer last Summer now has the lowest one, and he is again looked upon with envy and suspicion.—*Baltimore American*

— "I wonder who this man is who wants to know whether or not life is worth living?" "Oh, probably some fellow who has more money than he knows what to do with."—*Life*

—Head of Foreign Missionary Bureau—Where would you prefer to locate as a missionary? —Young Missionary—Well, if possible, where the natives are vegetarians.—*Brooklyn Eagle.*

— Crawford—While your wife is away in the country, why do you always send her such small sums at a time? Crabshaw—If I didn't she might use the money to come home unexpectedly.—*Tit-Bits.*

— Mrs. Rangle—"I've advertised for a servant for a whole week with no result." Mrs. Cumso—"Well, I advertised for a good-looking lady-help, and had thirty-four to select from the first day."—*Tit-Bits.*

— Mrs. Newleywed—Oh, mother, John said this morning I was one woman in a hundred. Her Mother—I see in that no cause for tears. Mrs. Newleywed—But, mother, he used to say I was one woman in a thousand.—*Punch.*

— Hubb—"You call Boston slow, and yet we spent $6 per capita for postage stamps last year, while New York spent only $3 per capita." Gotham—"Well, we can't always wait for a letter to get there; so we telegraph."—*Yonkers Statesman.*

— Getting Serious.—Mr. Youngpa (2 A. M., at the 'phone)—Hello, doctor: can you come down and see the baby right away? Doctor—What seems to be the trouble? Mr. Youngpa—I—I'm not sure, but I think he has insomnia.—*Chicago Daily News.*

— Backstop—I'm glad to see that you are making a name for yourself as an author, old man. Scriblet (modestly)—Yes, Honors are being heaped on me. Why, it was only yesterday that I learned that my latest book had been thrown out of the Boston Library.—*Harper's Bazar.*

—— It is an interesting fact that the county of Jefferson, Alabama, has two-thirds as much capital invested in industry as the whole State of Mississippi; has more than one-third as many wage-earners and two-thirds as much in wages.—*Mobile Register, Dem.*

Working 24 Hours a Day.

There's no rest for those tireless little workers—Dr. King's New Life Pills. Millions are always busy, curing Torpid Liver, Jaundice, Biliousness, Fever and Ague. They banish Sick Headache, drive out Malaria. Never gripe or weaken. Small, taste nice, work wonders. Try them. 25c at R. R Bellamy's. †

For Over Fifty Years

MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP has been used for over fifty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething with perfect success. It soothes the child, soften the gums, and allays all pain; cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for diarrhœa. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Sold by druggists in every part of the world. Twenty-five cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, and take no other kind.

HATCHECHUBBEE, ALA., June 30, 1875.

Dr. C. J. MOFFETT—Dear Sir: I can assure you that your TEETHINA (Teething Powders) is indispensable to us, and in no single instance has it ever proved a failure. We have tried soothing medicines, and everything known to us and "old women," and your Teething Powders are pre-eminently a success and blessing to mothers and children. Yours truly, etc.,
J. M. DeLACY.

CASTORIA. Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher.* The Kind You Have Always Bought

FARM AND GARDEN

STRAWBERRIES OF WORTH.

Varieties Tested and Found Valuable at the Michigan Station.

The Michigan station has devoted much attention to the testing of strawberries, new and old, through a number of seasons. In strawberry notes for 1901 it reports that several varieties which have stood at the head of the list for a number of years still maintain their position. Excelsior,

GREENVILLE. GANDY.
GLEN MARY. MARSHALL.

Haverland, Warfield, Clyde, Bubach and Brandywine can be relied upon to give good crops under fairly favorable conditions, although the best results cannot be secured with the last three varieties except in rich, moist soils. Glen Mary, William Belt, Marshall and Nick Ohmer also are quite satisfactory under high culture.

Sample in plant and fruit compares well with any other variety. Morgan, Ponderosa, Ridgeway and Ruby have also been quite satisfactory.

Of the newer sorts that fruited in 1900 H. and H., Echo, Emma, Gamage, Gladstone, Stouffer, Johnson Early and Wooll are most promising.

Particularizing in regard to some of the varieties, the station says:

Greenville.—Plants good in vigor of growth and productiveness. Berries are large in size, but not of sufficient firmness. In other points is very good.

Gandy.—Vines are fairly vigorous and hardy. Fruit is large, of high quality and firmness. Season late. Only moderately productive, but the variety holds out well.

Glen Mary.—Plants of good growth and healthy. Fruit is borne in abundance, is of large size, of good quality and firmness. One of the best market varieties under high culture.

Marshall.—This variety is a strong grower and quite prolific. Berries large, dark red and uniform. Quality and texture are very good. Except on strong soil the foliage is slightly subject to blight. This is one of the best large berries upon moist, rich soils.

The Dairy Quickstep.

Time is an element of great importance in dairy work. Milk, cream and butter are of exceeding perishable natures, and, like all quick decaying articles of food, they are hotbeds for breeding all kinds of destructive bacteria. The only way to fight this enemy is by celerity of action. Hurry the milk from the cow and out of the stable. Hurry the cream from the milk and spare as little time as possible in getting the cream into the churn and the butter to the customer. To carry out this idea clean the stable, clean the cow, milk into covered pails, use a separator, use a cream starter, use a swing churn and start the butter to the customer the night of the day it is made.

This, says L. S. Hardin in Home and Farm, is a strict business principle and should be pushed for all it is worth, and that means large profits for the trouble taken, for it may be safely stated that you will lose 2 to 3 cents a pound on your butter for every day you linger past the 36 hours necessary to carry out the plan outlined above.

Smut on Corn.

Corn smut may be propagated by smutty seed, although much more likely to be carried by the transportation of the yeast spores of this smut fungus, which may alight upon any young growing part and produce smut infection. From this reason and from another, probably a greater prevalence of the smut yeast spores in later summer, later growing parts—for example, tassels, brace roots, ears and sucker shoots—are perhaps more often attacked by the smut. The smut spores may be scattered in manure if smutted fodder is used, and it seems well proved that manured land yields more smutted corn than unmanured. The same may be true of clover sod as compared with corn stubble. The reason

CORN SMUT.

would exist in the decayed vegetable matter, wherein the secondary yeast spores of the smut may grow and then may be carried to the corn which becomes thus affected. Treatment of seed corn does not apparently reduce the amount of smut. Cutting and burning the smut boils before they have burst open would be useful. It is worth while to fight smut by all available means. So advises the Ohio station.

Going All the Time.

"I see a Wisconsin man claims to have solved the perpetual motion problem."

"That's nothing. I have a model of a perpetual motion machine at my house now."

"Does it work successfully?"

"From the standpoint of perpetual motion, you bet it does."

"Have you given it a name?"

"Sure."

"What do you call it?"

"'Jimmie,' and it was 5 years old its last birthday."—Chicago Post.

Concession to Superstition.

"Thirteen dollars and a half seems a high price for such a comparatively short trip," said the man with the traveling bag in his hand.

"We thought people would rather pay that than $13," replied the agent of the steamer line with an explanatory and apologetic cough.—Chicago Tribune.

"Some people," said Uncle Eben, "doesn't seem to take no special interest in tellin de troof 'ceppin when it's sumpin disagreeable." — Washington Star.

For Whooping Cough use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.

For sale by Hardin's Palace Pharmacy

Retrospect.

It is an evil day for the wife and mother when she scans her worn face in the mirror, and asks the question, "Does it pay? Does it pay to sacrifice health and happiness to wedded love?" But there is another question which rightly takes precedence of Does it pay? It is this: "Is it necessary to sacrifice health and happiness to wedded love?" Half a million women answer, No! They have been weak and have been made strong by Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. They were sick and "Favorite Prescription" made them well. It will do the same for almost every woman who gives it a fair and faithful trial. It stops weakening drains, heals inflammation and ulceration and cures female weakness. It tranqualizes the nerves and encourages the appetite.

"I expected to become a mother, and a threatened mischance greatly weakened me," writes Mrs. R. A. Nations, of Witts Springs, Searcy Co., Ark., "and my old disease returned. My husband got another doctor for me but I seemed to just drag along and get no better. At last I told the doctor that if his medicine did not help me I would go back to Dr. Pierce's medicines. I did so, and by the time I had taken them one month I could do my own housework, except washing, and tended my garden too. I was stouter than I had ever been while waiting baby's coming since my first baby came (this one was the sixth child). She is now eleven months old and is a healthy child. As for me, I feel as young now as I did at eighteen years of age; am thirty now. I can cheerfully recommend Dr. Pierce's medicine to all suffering womankind."

Doctor Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure biliousness and sick headache.

Dogs and Somersaults.

As there is more than one way of cooking a goose, so there is more than one method of teaching a dog to throw somersaults. But the most practical and thorough manner is to fasten a cord around the body of the animal close to the forelegs, and two people should hold the ends of the cord on either side of the unfortunate dog.

A third party armed with a stout rope takes a position immediately in front of the canine acrobat and with a measured and masterly stroke flogs the floor at close quarters to the dog's nose.

At each stroke of the rope the dog springs backward, and that movement is the trainer's golden opportunity. As the dog spring backward the rope passing under its body is jerked upward, and, although the first few attempts may prove futile, the somersault is acquired in course of time. An intelligent dog soon sickens of this order of things and throws somersaults without the assistance of ropes.

WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT

☞ The following quotations represent Wholesale Prices generally. In making up small orders higher prices have to be charged.

The quotations are always given as accurately as possible, but the STAR will not be responsible for any variations from the actual market price of the articles quoted

BAGGING—			
2 lb Jute		@	6¾
Standard		@	7½
Burlaps	6	@	6¾
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ℔ lb	12½	@	14
Sides ℔ lb	9	@	10
Shoulders ℔ lb	9	@	9¾
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ℔ lb	9	@	9¼
Shoulders ℔ lb		@	8¾
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each	1 35	@	1 35
Second-hand machine	1 35	@	1 35
New New York, each		@	1 35
New City, each		@	1 35
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ℔ M	6 50	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ℔ lb	15	@	18
Northern	22	@	28
CORN MEAL—			
Per bushel, in sacks	75	@	76
Virginia Meal	75	@	76
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle	1 25	@	1 30
CANDLES—℔ lb—			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	8	@	11
COFFEE—℔ lb—			
Laguyra	11	@	12¾
Rio	7½	@	11
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard		@	5¾
Yarns, ℔ bunch of 5 lbs		@	0
FISH—			
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ barrel	22 00	@	30 00
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ half-bbl.	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No. 2, ℔ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No. 2 ℔ half-bbl.	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No. 3, ℔ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel	3 50	@	4 00
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel		@	7 00
N. C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ lb	6	@	10
" Extra	4 00	@	5 00
FLOUR—℔ lb—			
Low grade	3 00	@	3 25
Choice	3 50	@	3 75
Straight	4 00	@	4 25
First Patent	4 50	@	4 75
GLUE—℔ lb	8	@	10
GRAIN—℔ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bgs—White	78	@	85
Mixed Corn	76	@	84
Oats, from store (mixed)		@	55
Oats, Rust Proof	75	@	80
Cow Peas	85	@	90
HIDES—℔ lb—			
Green salted	4	@	5
Dry flint	10	@	11
Dry salt	9	@	10
HAY ℔ 100 lbs			
No 1 Timothy	1 00	@	1 05
Rice Straw		@	50
Eastern		@	1 00
Western	90	@	95
North River		@	1 00
N. C. Crop	75	@	80
HOOP IRON, ℔ lb		@	3
CHEESE—℔ lb—			
Northern Factory	12½	@	14
Dairy Cream	12	@	13¼
Half cream	10	@	12¾
LARD, ℔ lb—			
Northern	9 ½	@	12¾
North Carolina	10	@	12¾
LIME, ℔ barrel	1 10	@	1 25
PORK, ℔ barrel—			
City Mess		@	18 50
Rump		@	18 50
Prime		@	18 00
ROPE, ℔ lb	11	@	22
SALT, ℔ sack, Alum		@	1 25
Liverpool		@	90
American		@	90
On 125 ℔ Sacks	50	@	60
SUGAR, ℔ lb—Standard Gran'd	5¼	@	5¾
Standard A	5	@	5¾
White Extra C	4¾	@	5
Extra C, Golden	4¾	@	4¾
C Yellow	4	@	4¾
LUMBER (city sawed) ℔ M ft—			
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00	@	20 00
Rough edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	22 00
Scantling and Board, com'n	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES, ℔ gallon—			
Barbadoes, in hogshead		@	2
Barbadoes, in barrels		@	28
Porto Rico, in hogsheads	29	@	31
Porto Rico, in barrels	30	@	33
Sugar House, in hogsheads	12	@	14
Sugar House, in barrels	14	@	15
Syrup, in barrels	17	@	27
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut, 60d basis	2 40	@	2 50
SOAP, ℔ lb—Northern	3½	@	4
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. barrel	6 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping	8 00	@	9 00
Common mill	4 00	@	5 00
Fair mill	5 00	@	6 50
Prime mill	6 50	@	7 50
Extra mill	8 00	@	8 50
SHINGLES, N.C. Cypress sawed			
℔ M 6x24 heart	6 25	@	7 00
" Sap	5 50	@	6 00
5x20 Heart	3 50	@	4 00
" Sap	2 50	@	3 00
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon Northern	1 00	@	2 10

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

W. & W. Railroad—144 bales cotton.

W. C. & A. Railroad—719 bales cotton, 15 barrels rosin, 23 barrels tar, 24 barrels crude turpentine.

C. C. Railroad—59 bales cotton, 1 barrel tar.

A. & Y. Railroad—4 bales cotton, 8 casks spirits turpentine, 11 barrels tar.

Steamer A. J. Johnson—3 bales cotton, 20 casks spirits turpentine, 150 barrels rosin, 120 barrels tar

Timber raft—41 barrels rosin.

Total—929 bales cotton, 28 casks spirits turpentine, 164 barrels rosin, 196 barrels tar, 24 barrels crude turpentine.

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET

[Quoted Officially at the closing of the Produce Exchange.]

STAR OFFICE, December 31.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing doing.

ROSIN—Market steady at $1 00 per barrel for strained and $1 05 per barrel for good strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.20 per barrel of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market steady at $1.10 per barrel for hard, $2.00 for dip, and —— for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—spirits turpentine nothing doing; rosin firm at $1.20@1.25; tar steady at $1.30; crude turpentine dull at $1.30 @2.30.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	28
Rosin	164
Tar	196
Crude turpentine	24

Receipts same day last year—115 casks spirits turpentine, 330 barrels rosin, 309 barrels tar, 62 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 7⅞c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	5 7-16	cts. ℔ lb
Good ordinary	6 13-16	" "
Low middling	7 7-16	" "
Middling	7⅞	" "
Good middling	8 1-16	" "

Same day last year, market quiet at 9¼c for middling.

Receipts—929 bales; same day last year, 2,939.

[Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.]

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 65c; extra prime, 70c; fancy, 75c, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 55c; extra prime, 60c; fancy, 65c. Spanish, 70@75c.

CORN—Firm; 82½@85c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 15@16c per pound; shoulders, 13@14c; sides, 13@14c.

EGGS—Firm at 20@22c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Dull. Grown, 20@22c; springs, 10 to 20c.

TURKEYS—Dressed, firm at 15@17½c; live, 10@12c.

BEESWAX—Firm at 26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5¼@6½c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 50@60c per bushel.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Money on call was firm at 6@15 per cent., the market closing, bid and asked, 5@6 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 5@5½ per cent. Sterling exchange easier, with actual business in bankers' bills at 486¾ for demand and at 483½@483⅝ for sixty days. Posted rates 484½ and 487½. Commercial bills 483@483½. Bar silver quoted 55¾. Mexican dollars 43¼. Government bonds steady. State bonds inactive. Railroad bonds irregular. U. S. refunding 2's, registered, 108¼; U. S. refunding 2's, coupon, 109½; U. S. 3's, reg'd 108¼; do. coupon, 108¼; U. S. 4's, new reg'd, 139¼; do. coupon 139¼; U. S. 4's, old reg'd, 111⅞; do. coupon, 112⅞; U. S. 5's, do. reg'd, 107¼; coupon, 107¼; Southern Railway 5's 124⅛. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio 106⅝; Chesapeake & Ohio 47; Manhattan L 137⅛; N. Y. Central 167⅝; Reading 56⅞; do. 1st pref'd 82¾; do. 2nd pref'd 64¼; St. Paul 165; do. pref'd, 188; Southern R'way 34; do. pref'd 93⅞; Amalgamated Copper 69¼; Am'n Tobacco —; People's Gas 104; Sugar 116¾; Tennessee Coal and Iron 64½; U. S. Leather 11¼; do. pref'd, 81¼; Western Union 92½; U. S. Steel 43; do. preferred 93¼; Mexican National 14¼; American Locomotive —; do. preferred —; Standard Oil 695@697; Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co., 62¼; do. preferred, 123.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 31.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 26⅛@26¼; do. preferred, 49@50; do 4s 85@85¼.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Rosin steady. Spirits turpentine steady.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 31.—Spirits turpentine and rosin unchanged.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 31.—Spirits turpentine firm at 36¼c; receipts 379 casks; sales 876 barrels; exports 3,333 casks Rosin firm; receipts 2,768 barrels; sales 7,305 barrels; exports 5,869 barrels

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The cotton market opened steady, with prices unchanged to six points lower, and was predisposed to weakness throughout the first hour in keeping with a severe decline in Liverpool and under the influence of heavy receipts at the ports. Long cotton was sold freely, smaller holders fearing continued declines. Within the first hour, March sold off to 8.04 and May to 8.11. Liverpool sent selling orders and it was claimed that Southern spot markets were easier. The South also sent selling orders in the near months. January liquidation, however, seemed to have spent itself and the selling by commission houses was straggling at most. The official estimates for to-morrow's Houston receipts fell far short of expectations and started a general turn about of professional bears. Wall street having orders commenced to sift in and the South purchased May contracts quite freely. Then came a light estimate for New Orleans receipts, causing a general scare of ring shorts. Prices ran up point after point, not only retaining the early loss but scoring an additional rise, March reaching 8.14 and May 8.22. For the rest of the day the market displayed a firm undertone, though at times off a trifle from the top under selling for profits by noon buyers. The market was finally quiet and net two to thirteen points higher.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Cotton steady at 8 7 16c; net receipts 4,566 bales; gross 7,805 bales; stock 110,790 bales.

Spot cotton closed steady; middling uplands 8 7-16c; middling gulf 8 11-16c; sales 6,115 bales.

Cotton futures market closed quiet: January 8.01, February 8.06, March 8.11, April 8.15, May 8.18, June 8.20, July 8.22, August 8.09, September 7.88, October 7.68.

Total to-day—Net receipts 78,192 bales; exports to Great Britain 25,088 bales; exports to France 8,243 bales; exports to the Continent 15,481 bales; stock 1,012,644 bales.

Consolidated—Net receipts 186,195 bales; exports to Great Britain 59,778 bales; exports to France 22,177 bales; exports to the Continent 55,272 bales.

Total since September 1st.—Net receipts 4,754,136 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,565,001 bales; exports to France 426,578 bales; exports to the Continent 1,319,919 bales.

December 31.—Galveston, not received net receipts — bales; Norfolk, easy at 8c, net receipts 18,980 bales; Baltimore, dull at 8c, net receipts 1,383 bales; Boston, nominal at 8¼c, net receipts 1,526 bales; Wilmington, quiet at 8 1-16c, net receipts 674 bales; Philadelphia, firm at 7¾c, net receipts 929 bales; Savannah, steady at 8 11-16c, net receipts 159 bales; New Orleans, quiet at 7⅞c, net receipts 10,043 bales; Mobile, steady at 8c, net receipts 22,381 bales; Memphis, quiet at 7⅞c, net receipts 1,573 bales; Augusta, quiet at 7 15 16, net receipts 1,389 bales; Charleston, steady at 8c, net receipts 779 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Flour market dull at old prices, closing firm. Wheat—Spot dull; No. 2 red 88⅜c. Options opened easy with cables, rallied on a scare of shorts and ruled irregular all day, but generally well sustained, owing to a decrease in the world's stocks, strength of late continental cables and moderate outside support on the weak spots. Closed steady and unchanged: March closed 87⅛c; May closed 87c; July closed 86⅜c. Corn—Spot steady; No. 2, 70⅛c. Options market opened steady and soon advanced on favorable Argentine news. Later the market yielded to realizing and closed easy at ⅛c net decline: May closed 70⅜c. Oats—Spot steady; No. 2, 52c. Options were quiet all day and about steady. Tallow firm. Lard easier; Western steamed $10 30; refined easier; continent $10 40; South $11 00; compound 8@8⅛c. Butter was steady; creamery 16@25c; State dairy 15@23c. Eggs firm; State and Pennsylvania 30c; Southern at mark 22@28c. Potatoes steady; Maine $2 30@2 75; New York $2 00@2 50; Long Island $2 50@2 62½; Jersey sweets $2 25@3 00. Cabbage steady; Long Island Flat Dutch, per 100, $3 00@4 00. Peanuts steady; fancy hand-picked 4@4⅛c; other domestic 3⅛@4c. Freights to Liverpool—Cotton by steam 12⅛c. Cheese quiet; late made 8⅛c; large 9⅛c; late made best small 10@10⅛c. Coffee—Spot Rio dull; No. 7 invoice 7 1-16c; mild quiet; Cordova 7¾@11c. Sugar—Raw steady; fair refining 3⅛c; centrifugal 96 test, 3⅝c; refined steady. Pork steady. Rice quiet. Cotton seed oil was steady but dull. Closing quotations: Prime crude in barrels nominal; prime summer yellow dull; off summer yellow 40c; prime white 44½@45c; prime winter yellow 45; prime meal $27 00.

Norfolk Peanut Market.

NORFOLK, Va., December 31.—Peanut market dull; fancy 2⅝c; strictly prime 2⅜c; prime 2@2⅛c; Spanish —c; machine-picked —c. New peanuts, fancy 3c; strictly prime 2⅝@2⅜c; prime 2⅛@2⅛c; Spanish 72½@75c.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Wheat experienced a choppy, nervous market to-day, with rises followed quickly by set backs. Other grains acted in sympathy, but at the close prices were all steady, May wheat unchanged, May corn ⅛c down and May oats ⅛c higher. Provisions closed 10@17½c lower.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Cash quotations: Flour—Market easy. Wheat—No 2 spring 78@80c; No. 3 spring 75@79c; No. 2 red 84¾@87c. Corn—No. 2 —c; No. 2 yellow —c. Oats—No. 2 46c; No. 2 white 47⅛@48c; No. 3 white 47@47½c. Mess pork, per barrel, $15 80@15 90. Lard, per 100 lbs, $9 95@10 15. Short rib sides, loose, quoted at $8 50@8 60. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, $7 37½@7 50. Short clear sides, boxed, $8 90@9 10. Whiskey—Basis of high wines, $1 32.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 December 78@78⅛, 78⅝, 78, 78⅛c; May 81⅛@82, 82⅛, 81⅝@81⅝, 82⅛c; July 81⅛, 82⅛, 81⅜, 81⅛c. Corn—No. 2 December 63⅛, 63⅛, 63⅛, 63⅝c; May 66⅛@66⅜, 66⅜, 66⅛@66⅛, 66⅜c; July 65⅞@66, 66⅛, 65⅛, 65⅜c. Oats—December 44⅝, 45⅛, 44⅛, 45⅛c; May 45⅛@45⅜, 45⅜, 45⅛, 45⅜c; July 39⅛, 39⅜, 39⅛, 39⅛. Mess pork, per bbl—January $16 75, 16 80, 17 05, 17 80; May $17 32½, 17 40, 17 25, 17 30. Lard, per 100 lbs—January $10 07½, 10,07½, 9 95, 9 95. May $10 12½, 10 15, 9 97½, 10 02½. Short ribs, per 100lbs—January $8 55, 8 57½, 8 52½, 8 55; May $8 85, 8 87½, 8 80, 8 82½.

FOREIGN MARKET

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 31, 4:30 P. M.—Cotton: Spot, fair demand; prices 1-32d lower; American middling fair 4 15-16d; good middling 4 11-16d; middling 4 9-16d; low middling 4 15-32d; good ordinary 4 11-32d; ordinary 4 3-32d. The sales of the day were 10,000 bales, of which 1,000 bales were for speculation and export and included 9,500 bales American. Receipts 62,000 bales, including 61,800 bales American.

Futures opened easier and closed steady; American middling (g. o. c.) January 4 29-64d seller; January and February 4 28-64@4 29-64d seller; February and March 4 28-64d value; March and April 4 28-64d seller; April and May 4 28-64d buyer; May and June 4 28-64@4 29-64d seller; June and July 4 28-64@4 29-64d seller; July and August 4 28-64@4 29-64d seller; August and September 4 24-64@4 25-64d seller.

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Wm P Hood, 632 tons, Philpott, George Harriss, Son & Co.

M C Haskell, 299 tons, Wingfield, George Harriss, Son & Co.

Addie P McFadden, 199 tons, Stewart, George Harriss, Son & Co.

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BIG ENOUGH TO HIT.

So Thought the Small Boy, but the Man Thought Differently.

He wasn't very big, but he was a sturdy little chap with a face that bore the marks of much thinking and premature responsibility. I learned afterward that he was supporting a crippled mother and an invalid sister who had been left helpless in the world by the death of her father. He might have run away from home and evaded the responsibility, but he didn't think of it. He just sold papers.

At the loop on Fifteenth street a crowd was gathered, waiting for the evening cars. A ragged young girl was selling flowers at the Fifteenth street end of the waiting station when a man, rushing to catch his car, knocked her against the side of the building. Without stopping, probably not having noticed what he had done, he continued his rush, when the boy stepped in front of him defiantly.

"Say, what do you want to knock a girl down for? Hit me. I'm big enough."

The man paused in surprise and then glanced around. He saw the flower girl picking up her wares and understood. Without a moment's hesitation he went back to her, gave her enough money to make her eyes sparkle with joy and said:

"I'm sorry, my dear, that I hurt you. I didn't see." Then, turning to the boy, he continued: "You said you were big enough, young man, but you're a great deal bigger than you think. Men like you will have a lot to do with keeping this old world in a condition of self respect."

Then he caught his car, and the boy and the girl stood there wondering what he meant.—Denver Times.

DREAMS WHICH HAPPEN.

A Robbery That Was Witnessed by a Woman During Sleep.

A lady spending the summer in the country, some 20 miles from her city residence, dreamed that the latter was robbed, she herself being a witness of the robbery. In her dream she saw two men, one of whom limped, in the act of rummaging some trunks in the hall. A candle stuck by means of its own wax on the newel post illuminated the scene with a dim light.

After finishing their work with the trunks the men went up stairs to a closet, from which they removed curtains and hangings stored for the summer months. The dreamer observed that they overlooked her most valuable curtains, which had been placed well back on upper shelves.

Suddenly she seemed to be transported to her birthplace at Auburn, N. Y., where she especially noted the bronze figure of an Indian which surmounts the prison edifice.

At breakfast the next morning she related her vivid dream to those present, five of whom are now living and vouch for the fact. Subsequently it was found that the city house had been entered and robbed. On the newel post were the marks of the candle. The curtains had all been taken but the best set, which were found where the dreamer had seen them.

Suspicion was directed to a painter who had been at work on the house, who was lame and who disappeared immediately after the robbery. Investigation of this man's character showed that he had served a term in the Auburn penitentiary.—Health Culture.

SOME WISE DON'TS.

Don't confound hauteur with dignity or repose with stupidity.

Don't "howl," "roar" or "explode." To laugh heartily is better.

Don't pose. Affectation is a bar to respect, let alone confidence.

Don't groan over the wickedness of the world, but mend your own.

Don't boast. The illiterate and the self conscious are thus made manifest.

Don't use superlatives. Few things require them, and they weaken description.

Don't preach unless you have practiced. Deeds are tremendously convincing.

Don't think a foreigner can comprehend you any better if you shout into his ear.

Don't forget that politeness is the foster sister of diplomacy and an essential tact.

Don't appraise a book at another's valuation. Critics are not censors absolute.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

A Railroad Man's Story.

"One of the worst starts I ever had," said an engineer the other day, "was due to a large, lazy pig that had got on my mind. Nothing will slide a train more easily and destructively from the rails than live pork. This particular specimen had a habit of burrowing alongside the track, and it was a fair presumption that sooner or later he would find something to interest him between the rails and somebody would go down the bank.

"I was coming down a hill one day at high speed and craning my neck for a comforting sight of piggy in his accustomed place when, as I popped around the curve, a bright red flag assaulted my anxious gaze. The connection between that flag and the pig was only a bit of mental aberration on my part, but it was very vivid. I shut off and grabbed the whistle cord, but before I could even screech for brakes I saw that the flag was only a red flannel shirt which the good woman of the shanty to which the pig belonged had hung on an improvised clothesline between the telegraph poles.

"That may not sound like much of a scare, but it represents a type that turns the railroad man's hair to a delicate ash color."

When Herrings Were Plenty.

In former days herrings were so abundant in Newfoundland waters that the most wanton slaughter of them was permitted without any restriction whatever. Seines were allowed to retain 1,000 or 2,000 barrels of the fish until they perished, and then the net was freed, and the whole contents fell to the bottom to pollute the ocean for miles around. When a poaching smack was captured, the herrings it had on board were all thrown into the sea, and frequently boats when chased resorted to the same means to get rid of incriminating evidence. The fish then fetched only 50 cents a barrel of 500 herrings, or ten for a cent.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Making It Clear.

The London Spectator tells a funny story of a definition given by a well known public speaker in an address to children.

"Now, children," he said, "I propose to give you on the present occasion an epitome of the life of St. Paul. Perhaps some of you are too young to understand what the word 'epitome' means. 'Epitome,' children, is in its signification synonymous with synopsis."

Having made this simple and clear explanation to the children, the speaker went on with his story.

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A LITTLE NONSENSE.

The Queer Experience of a Life Insurance Agent.

"I'm going to give up the business," said the life insurance agent, with a sigh. "I don't care whether they meant it for a joke or not. It's a hard life, and people have no business to be funny at my expense.

"I have always prided myself upon my ability to land a man when once I succeeded in getting his attention. But I had a new experience the other day. I was working hard to convince a party that it was his duty to take out some of our insurance upon his life for the protection of his family, and I saw that I had him wavering when I had to pause for breath, and he broke in with:

"'By the way, how much do you carry on your life?'

"While I, taken unaware by the abruptness of the question, was stammering a reply he escaped. The incident set me to thinking. I had induced hundreds of men to insure their lives for the benefit of their families, and yet I had never thought far enough to carry any insurance upon my own life. It didn't look consistent, now that I came to consider the question, and I resolved to remedy it at once. To think is to act with me, and I sat down and filled out an application at once for a good round sum.

"I got the application back today marked 'Refused; occupation too dangerous!' The next paper they get from me will be my resignation."—Detroit Free Press.

A Simple Remedy.

Mrs. Whyte—Does your husband ever have the nightmare?

Mrs. Browne—Well, he sometimes starts to have one, but for a good many years now I have been in the habit of taking a hatpin to bed with me, so that I can generally wake him up before he gets well to going.—Somerville Journal.

Night Was Her Terror.

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Ar Savannah	4 40 a m	12.05 p m
Ar Jacksonville	9.05 a m	3 50 p m
Ar Tampa	5.40 p m	9.00 a m

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Lv Hamlet	11.00 p m	7.40 a m
Ar Raleigh	3.00 a m	1.05 a m
Ar Norlina	3.50 a m	11.05 p m
Ar Portsmouth	7.15 a m	5.35 p m
Ar Norfolk		
Lv Hamlet	10.40 p m	7.25 a m
Ar Raleigh	1 10 a m	10.15 a m
Ar Norlina	3.30 a m	11.55 a m
Ar Petersburg	5.54 a m	2.06 p m
Ar Richmond	6.35 a m	3.05 p m
Ar Washington	10.10 a m	6.35 p m
Ar Baltimore	11.25 a m	11.25 p m
Ar New York	4.15 p m	6.30 a m

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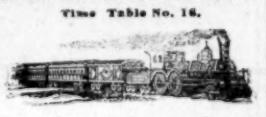

To Take Effect Sunday, Oct 21, 1900, at 12.01 A. M.

GOING EAST. Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	Leave		GOING WEST. Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M	A. M.
.....	3 40	Goldsboro	11 05	.....
.....	4 00	Kinston	10 11	.....
3 40	5 50	Newbern	8 37	9 00
7 09	7 07	Morehead City	7 32	7 27
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.25 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 P. M., and with W. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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Schedule in Effect Dec. 22, 1901.

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DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON—NORTH BOUND.

DAILY 9.30 A. M. No. 43—Passenger—Due Magnolia 11.05 A. M., Warsaw 11.31 A. M., Goldsboro 12.31 P. M., Wilson 4.19 P. M., Rocky Mount 1.53 P. M. Tarboro 2.31 P. M Weldon 4.55 P. M., Petersburg 6.40 P. M., Richmond 7.45 P. M., Norfolk 8.5 P. M., Washington 11 40 P. M. Baltimore 1.30 A. M., Philadelphia 4.03 A. M., New York 7.1 A. M., †Boston 8.0 P. M.

DAILY 7.00 P. M. No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.32 P. M., Warsaw 8.40 P. M., Goldsboro 9.27 P. M., Wilson 10.30 P. M., †Tarboro 9.31 A. M., Rocky Mount 11.33 P. M. Weldon 1.57 A. M., †Norfolk 1.00 P. M. Petersburg 3.1 A. M., Richmond 3.57 A. M., Washington 7.39 A. M., Baltimore 9.07 A. M., Philadelphia 11.12 A. M New York 1.41 P. M., Boston 9.00 P. M

DAILY except Sunday 4.10 P. M. No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 6.40 P. M., Newbern 5.40 P. M.

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY except Sunday 6.00 A. M. No. 51—Due Lake Waccamaw 7.10 A. M, Chadbourn, 7 41 A. M., Marion 8.45 A. M., Florence 9.25 A. M., Lanes 11.26 A. M., Charleston 1 10 P. M.

DAILY 5.45 P. M. No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 4.58 P. M., Chadbourn 5.30 P. M. Marion 6.40 P. M., Florence 7.25 P. M., Sumter 9 15 P. M., Columbia 10.40 P. M. Denmark 6.14A. M., Augusta 8.10 A. M. Macon 11.15 A. M., Atlanta 12.35 P. M. Charleston 11.15 P. M., Savannah 3.50 A. M., Jacksonville 8.30 A. M., St. Augustine 10 50 A. M., Tampa 10.00 P. M

WEST BOUND.

DAILY 9.10 A. M. No. 53—Passenger—Due Fayetteville 12.20 P.M., leaves Fayetteville 12.40 P. M., arrives Sanford 1.25 P. M.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 6.00 P. M. No. 42—Passenger—Leave Boston †1.30 P. M., New York 6.30 P. M., Philadelphia 10.10 A. M., Baltimore 8.55 A. M., Washington 4.30 A. M., Richmond 9.06 A. M., Petersburg 9.42 A. M., Norfolk 8.00 A. M., Weldon 11.50 A. M., Tarboro 12.22 P. M. Rocky Mount 12.52 P. M. Wilson 2.40 P. M., Goldsboro 3.15 P. M. Warsaw 4.10 P. M., Magnolia 4.25 P. M.

DAILY 10.10 A. M No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 9.28 A. M., Philadelphia 12.03 P. M., Baltimore 2.16 P. M., Washington 3.45 P. M., Richmond 7.39 P. M., Petersburg 7 10 P. M., **Norfolk 4.00 P. M., Weldon 9.35 P. M., **Tarboro 7.22 P. M., Rocky Mount 5.45 A. M Leave Wilson 6 26 A. M., Goldsboro 7.31 A. M., Warsaw 8 04 A. M., Magnolia 8 37 A. M.

DAILY except Sunday 12.15 P. M No. 63—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9.00 A. M., Jacksonville 10.30 A. M.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY except Sunday 11.30 P. M. No. 50—Leave Charleston 4.30 P. M Lanes 6.06 P. M., Florence 8 15 P. M., Marion 8.54 P. M., Chadbourn 9.53 P. M., Lake Waccamaw 10.21 P. M.

DAILY 1.40 P. M No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 9.40 A. M., Sanford 3.15 P. M., Jacksonville 6.30 P. M., Savannah 1.30 A. M., Charleston 5.45 A. M., Atlanta 7.50 A. M. Macon 9.00 A. M., Augusta 6.30 P. M. Denmark 4.03 P. M Columbia 9.05 A. M., Sumter 4.20 P. M., Florence 10.10 A. M., Marion 10.52 A. M., Chadbourn 11.58 A. M., Lake Waccamaw 12.39 A. M.

EAST BOUND.

DAILY 7.15 P. M. No. 38—Passenger—Leave Sanford 3.05 P. M. arrive Fayetteville 4.50 P. M., leave Fayetteville 4.30 P. M.

Bennettsville Branch—Train leaves Bennettsville 8.10 A. M. Maxton 9.05 A. M., Red Springs 9.32 A. M., Parkton 10.05 A. M., arrive Fayetteville 11.10 A. M. Returning leaves Fayetteville 4.40 P. M., Hope Mills 5.00 P. M., Red Springs 5.43 P. M., Maxton 6.10 P. M., arrives Bennettsville 7.15 P. M.

Connections at Fayetteville with No. 78, at Maxton with the Carolina Central Railroad, at Red Springs with the Red Springs and Bowmore Railroad, at Sanford with the Seaboard Air Line and Southern Railway, at Gulf with the Durham and Charlotte Railroad.

Train between Rocky Mount and Richmond leaves Rocky Mount 7.15 A. M., arrive Weldon 9.17 A. M., arrive Petersburg 10 18 A. M., arrives Richmond 11.10 A. M.

Trains on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 2.15 P. M., Halifax 3.20 P. M.; arrive Scotland Neck 4.10 P. M., Greenville 5.47 P. M., Kinston 6.45 P. M. Returning, leaves Kinston 7.30 A. M., Greenville 8.30 A. M.; arriving Halifax at 11.02 A. m., Weldon 11.30 A. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.00 A. M. and 3.45 P. M.; arrive Parmele 9.55 A. M. and 4.10 P. M.; returning leaves Parmele 11.10 A. M. and 5.52 P. M.; arrives Washington 12 30 A. M and 6.35 P. M. Daily except Sunday

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 4.25 P. M.; Sunday, 4.35 P. M.; arrives Plymouth 6.35 P. M. and 6.25 P. M. Returning leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7 25 A. M. and Sunday 9.00 A. M.; arrive Tarboro 9 55 A. M. and 11.30 A. M.

Trains leave Goldsboro daily except Sunday 5.10 A. M., arriving Smithfield 6.10 A. M. Returning leaves Smithfield 7.00 A. M., arrives at Goldsboro 8.25 A. M

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 9 30 A. M., 4.00 P. M.; arrives Nashville 10.30 A. M., 4.20 P. M., Spring Hope 11.05 A. M., 4.45 P. M. Returning, leaves Spring Hope 11.20 A. M., 5.15 P. M., Nashville 11.45 A. M. 5.40 P. M., arrives at Rocky Mount 12.10 A. M. 6.25 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leaves Warsaw for Clinton, daily, except Sunday, 11.40 A. M. and 4.15 P. M. Returning, leaves Clinton 6.45 A. M. and 2.30 P. M

Train leaves Pee Dee 10.13 A. M., arrive Latta 10.46 A. M., Dillon 10.58 A. M., Rowland 11.15 A. M. Returning, leaves Rowland 4.30 P. M.; arrives Dillon 4.31 P. M., Latta 4.44 P. M., Pee Dee 7.06 P. M., daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Chadbourn 12.01 P. M.; arrive Conway 2.20 P. M.; returning leave Conway 2.55 P. M. arrive Chadbourn 5.20 P M, leave Chadbourn 5.35 P. M.; arrive Eired 6.10 A M., returning leave Eired 8.40 A M., arrive Chadbourn 11.25 A M. Daily except Sunday

Trains leave Sumter 6.30 P. M., Manning 6.56 P. M.; arrive Lane's 7.40 P. M.; leave Lane's 9.30 A. M., Manning 9.03 A. M.; arrive Sumter 9.40 A. M. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lane's 8.40 A. M., †7.00 P. M.; arrive Georgetown 10 A. M., †8.20 P. M.; leave Georgetown 6.30 A. M.; †4.15 P. M.; arrive Lane's 8.00 A. M.; †8.36 P. M.

Trains leave Florence daily except Sunday at 10.05 A. M.; arrive Darlington 10.30 A. M., Hartsville 9.55 P. M., Cheraw 11.45 A. M., Wadesboro 12.10 P. M.; leave Florence daily except Sunday at 5.00 P. M.; arrive Darlington 6.05 P. M., Bennettsville 9.22 P. M., Gibson 10.30 P. M. Leave Florence Sunday only 10.05 A. M., arrive Darlington 10.30 A. M.

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Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 1.50 P. M., 11.10 P. M., arrive Selma 3.45 P. M. 11.59 P. M., Smithfield 3.03 P. M., Dunn 3.40 P. M. Fayetteville 4.25 P. M., 1 10 A. M., Rowland 6.10 P. M., returning leave Rowland 11.15 A. M., Fayetteville 12.35 P. M., 10.07 P. M., Dunn 1.34 P. M., Smithfield 2.03 P. M. Selma 2.10 P. M., 11.25 P. M., arrive Wilson 2.57 P. M. 12.07 A. M.

Trains leave Sumter 6.30 A. M., Creston 8.17 A. M., arrive Denmark 9.14 A. M. Returning leave Denmark 4.25 P. M., Creston 5.30 P. M. Sumter 6.19 P. M. Daily.

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The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JAN. 1.

WEDDED AT FAYETTEVILLE, N C.

Mrs. Mary B. Kirkland Became Bride of Mr. George W. Lake, of Florence.

[*Fayetteville Observer 31st.*]

Last evening at the residence of her daughter, Miss Pauline Cameron, on Haymount, Mr. George W. Lake, for many years a highly esteemed resident of this city, was married to Mrs. Mary Bagley Kirkland, of Lake Waccamaw. Rev. Isaac W. Hughes, rector of St. John's church, performed the ceremony, and only a few friends were present. Mr. and Mrs. Lake left by the 1 A. M. train for Tampa, Fla., in which State they will travel until the 9th of January, after which date they will be at Lake Waccamaw.

Great interest is felt in this marriage because of the popularity in this community and throughout the State of the bride and groom. She is the only daughter of the late Col. H. B. Short, long a prominent man in this section, and one of the best and noblest hearted men that ever lived, and her mother was a daughter of the late Hon. D. W. Bagley, of Williamston. She is a charming woman, whose amiability, agreeable manners, kindheartedness and charitableness have won for her a large circle of devoted friends in Fayetteville. Mr. Lake was for many years freight and passenger agent of the C. F. & Y. V. railway at Fayetteville, and it may be truly said that none have won higher esteem in the business community than he, while his agreeable manners, generosity and straightforward ways have brought him more than the usual allotment of firm friends.

A NEW YEAR'S CONCERT.

A Bright, Breezy Entertainment by Weeks Company at Y. M. C. A. To-night.

The New Year's Concert at the Y. M. C. A., to-night will be full of fun and solid enjoyment from beginning to end. Mr. Weeks not only produces laughter by his humorous entertainment but exemplifies his power as an actor in the extreme end of the scale. He is said to be powerful and dramatic in his portrayal of the "Sod House," by James Whitcomb Riley. One can never fully appreciate this wonderful poem until Mr. Weeks gives it in his impressive manner.

The instrumental and vocal part of the program is not slighted in the concert for Misses Week and Ostrander, are two talented musicians. In fact there seems nothing in the musical line that one of the company cannot produce. They are fun makers and by their art they make the world brighter and lighter.

Doors open for the concert at 8 P. M. Admission 25 and 50 cents.

Will Remove to Montgomery.

The Cooper & Cooper Company, wholesale grocers on Nutt street, have announced that on or about February 1st they will remove their business to Montgomery, Ala. Mr. L. J. Cooper, manager of the company, says that the business here for the past two years has been very satisfactory, but at Montgomery the company hopes to extend it and will have a much wider field. Hundreds of customers and friends will regret to note the removal and will wish the enterprising young men comprising the firm a successful career in their new home. The stockholders in the company are Messrs. L. J. Cooper, of Wilmington; P. S. Cooper, of Mullins, S. C.; B. T. Bullard, of Savannah, vice president of the Southern Naval Stores Company, and Mr. Alexander Sessoms, of Waycross, Ga., father in-law of Mr. L. J. Cooper.

Passed Upon Liquor Dealer Licenses.

The County Commissioners held a special session at 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning and passed upon liquor licenses for the new year. There were no contests over any of them and they were approved—sixty-seven in number. All the locations are in Wilmington, except those of Messrs. E. N. Edens and W. H. Stokeley, of Wrightsville Sound.

Steamer Snyg in Port.

The American steamer *Snyg*, 307 tons, Capt. Wilg, arrived in port yesterday from Charleston, S. C., and will be loaded with shingles by the Chadbourn Lumber Company for Kingston, Jamaica. At Kingston the steamer will receive a cargo of fruit for Baltimore. The *Snyg* is just off the ways at Charleston and is a very trim little vessel.

Mr. Montgomery in Bankruptcy.

The STAR notes with regret that Mr. F. A. Montgomery, the well known grocer, has found it necessary to go into voluntary bankruptcy. Mr. Montgomery's liabilities are $3,461.40, while the assets are nearly twice that amount—$6,479.82. Inability to make collections was the cause of Mr. Montgomery's failure, and he has a host of friends in the city who hope that the embarrassment will be only temporary.

Crazy on Religious Subjects.

Andrew J. Cartrat, white, was taken in custody by the police Sunday on account of his mental derangement Yesterday he was taken before the Clerk of the Superior Court on a writ of lunacy and duly adjudged insane. He was sent to the jail pending removal to the State hospital at Raleigh. Cartrat is "off" on religious subjects and his case is a pitiable one.

Says He Was Tortured.

"I suffered such pains from corns I could hardly walk," writes H. Robinson, Hillsborough, Ills., "but Bucklen's Arnica Salve completely cured them." Acts like magic on sprains, bruises, cuts, sores, scalds, burns, boils, ulsers. Perfect healer of skin diseases and piles. Cure guaranteed by R. R. Bellamy. 25c. †

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher

SERIOUS DELAYS IN MAIL SERVICE.

Caused by the Recent Heavy Floods in the South and Southwest.

HEAVY FROST IN FLORIDA.

Railroad Traffic Interrupted in Many Places---River Rising at Rate of Seven Inches an Hour at Montgomery, Ala.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The floods in the South have caused serious delays in the mail service between the East and the Southwest as well as locally in the affected regions. Local trains were stopped between Atlanta and West Point, Ga., but the service between these points was resumed today, according to dispatches received at the Postoffice Department. The line south of West Point, running to Montgomery and Mobile, is broken, interferring with the through train service between Eastern cities and New Orleans, and the Southwest. All Texas and Mexico mails are being dispatched from the East via St. Louis instead of New Orleans. There are numerous suspensions of traffic on interior lines in Alabama. Mails for New Orleans are being forwarded via Birmingham and the Alabama Great Southern road, requiring a long detour and consequent delay of twelve hours or more. In the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad wreck near Lynchburg Sunday night there were twelve pouches and twenty-five sacks of mail reported lost, but advices to the Postoffice Department to day report that part of these have been recovered. None of the pouches or sacks were full.

Dead Bodies Recovered.

ATLANTA, GA., Dec. 31.—Dispatches from various points in Alabama and Georgia indicate that the rivers which did so much damage Sunday and Monday have fallen. At West Point, Ga., it is believed the crest of the flood has passed. The bodies of three people drowned there Sunday were found today. At Columbus, Ga., the waters of the Chattahoochee have fallen nearly five feet.

The Atlanta & West Point railroad, which is the connecting link between the Southern and the Louisville & Nashville system, is open only as far as LaGrange, Ga., thirty miles north of West Point. It is thought the road will be open to the Alabama line by evening.

Freezing temperature was reported this morning to the Florida line, with heavy frost in the northern and central portions of that State. Electric car service is practically suspended.

Alabama River Rising.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., Dec. 31.—The Alabama river is rising at the rate of seven inches an hour. The crest of the flood is not expected until to-morrow.

All traffic of the Atlantic and West Point railroad has been annulled since Sunday. The Louisville and Nashville has succeeded in resuming regular service.

ROME, GA., Dec. 31.—The flood in the Coosa river reached its height at noon to-day and the guage recording 32 feet. The high water has caused considerable damage to property in this city. The rural mails have not left Rome in two days.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Dec. 31.—The flood situation is greatly improved today, and with the exception of trains on the Murphy division of the Southern traffic has been resumed. Trains from the west which have been waterbound for several days came through to-day.

Y. M. C. A. Receptions To-day.

Many young people and others are looking forward with much pleasure to the New Year's reception at the Y. M. C. A. this afternoon from 3 to 8 o'clock. It is under the auspices of the Woman's Auxiliary, and there will be absolutely no charge for any of the features. The association is desirous of getting in touch with the whole people of Wilmington and everybody is invited. For the boys of the city, whether members of the junior department or not, a reception will be given this morning, beginning at 10 o'clock. The features of this event will be games and gymnasium exercises. The boys, of course, are not expected to the afternoon receptions.

Death of an Aged Lady.

Mrs. Martha A. Broadstreet, aged 60 years, and residing at No. 921 North Eighth street, died yesterday at 1:30 o'clock P. M. of Bright's disease. She was a native of Raleigh, but had resided here many years. The funeral will be conducted at 10 o'clock this morning by Rev. G. F. Webster, pastor of Bladen Street Methodist church, and the interment will be in Bellevue cemetery.

Left on Pleasant Mission.

Mr. George W. Brunson, Jr., city editor of the *Evening Dispatch*, left yesterday afternoon at 3:45 o'clock for Sumter, S. C., where he will attend the marriage of his brother, Mr. J. W. Brunson and Miss Armida Moses in that city this afternoon at 5 o'clock. Mr. Brunson will be best man at the ceremony. He expects to return Saturday night.

Branch House for Cuhady.

John T. Leonard & Co., well known brokers and commission merchants of Charleston, S. C., will open a branch establishment here for Cuhady & Co., the well known meat packers of Chicago, in the very near future. The new concern will be located in the store now occupied by the Cooper & Cooper Company, which will remove to Montgomery, Ala., about February 1st.

It's Not Too Late

for you to get a nice present to give in return. I have sold a large quantity of novelties and other nice goods, but still I have a nice line to select your New Year's gifts from. They are too numerous to mention. J. T. Burke, the jeweller, 27 South Front street. †

For Croup use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.

For sale by Hardin's Palace Pharmacy.

SHOT FIVE PERSONS.

Louis Bitzer, a Jeweller, Tries to Exterminate His Whole Family—Believed to be Insane.

By Telegraph to the Morning star.

TURNER'S FALLS, MASS., Dec. 31.—Louis Bitzer, a jeweller of this place, to-day shot five persons, two of whom, his clerk, Miss Ida Columbe, and Bitzer's 5 year-old son, are dead. His other victims were his wife, Christina, and his two daughters, Annie, about 16 years of age, and Carrie, 12 years old. It is thought they will not die. There is evidence that it was Bitzer's purpose to take his own life also, but his prompt arrest apparently prevented him for carrying out his purpose. He is about 35 years of age.

From a note left in his store by Bitzer, it appears that while he was cleaning a revolver the weapon was discharged accidentally and the bullet hit Miss Columbe in the head, killing her instantly. Overcome by the situation, Bitzer apparently rushed to his home, hatless and wild with excitement, and began the work of exterminating his family.

The little boy, ill in bed with the measles, was shot and killed. The 16-year-old daughter, Annie, was wounded through the left hand and in the ear. The 12-year-old daughter, Carrie, was shot through the neck. Mrs. Bitzer was hit in the face, the bullet passing through the nose.

The sound of the shots brought neighbors into the house and Bitzer was arrested. The police believe that Bitzer is insane. The note which they found in his store after the affair was almost an incoherent jumble of words. After telling of the shooting of Miss Columbe, Bitzer wrote that he had determined to go to his home and end the lives of his wife and children and his own. He asked that at his funeral the hymn "Nearer, My God, to Thee" be sung. He wished that his property be given to his brother and to his aged mother, and ended the letter with an expression to the effect that God would not blame a man for doing what he had done. Substantially the same story was told by Bitzer after his arrest.

FLOOD AND FIRE.

Sections of Richmond Under Water—Conflagration Narrowly Averted—Gas Works Partially Submerged.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RICHMOND, VA., Dec. 31.—Flood, fire and general excitement made up Richmond's position to-day. The water in the James river rose 25½ feet, within four feet of the level of the great freshet of 1877. Lower Main street and a greater part of Fulton, the extreme eastern section of the city, were flooded. When the freshet was near its height, fire, caused by the water coming in contact with lime, broke out in the plant of Warner Moore & Co., millers and feed supply men. The property is situated on the creeks of the flooded district, and at one time it seemed inevitable that it would be swept out. But a change of wind and the splendid work of the fire department averted that. The hose were carried over a line of partially submerged cars, and on rafts made of small boats and the firemen fought the flames standing up to their waist in water. The fire was confined to the building in which it started, and the loss is only about $10,000, fully insured. It is estimated that the occupants of some two hundred small houses on this and the Manchester side of the river had to vacate temporarily. The gas works are partially under water and the gas supply cut off. This condition seriously cripples the newspapers, as the metal for their linotype machines is heated by gas. All are working lamps to night. The incoming southern trains had to run through several feet of water. Bridges are reported gone in various sections of the State and traffic greatly damaged. The water began to fall about 5 P. M. The loss by water in this city cannot be estimated to night, but it will not be heavy as there was time to move stocks.

INSURANCE COMPANIES.

One Billion Dollars Returned to Policy Holders or Expended in Their Behalf by the Mutual.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 31.—One of the best evidences of the unexampled prosperity of the country as well as of the very general movement of business men for profitable, permanent, protective and absolute safe investments, is found in the volume of business done by the great life insurance companies. Nothing nearly approaching it has ever been known. The business of the three leaders, the Mutual, the Equitable and the New York, has been very large. The Mutual has written an amount vastly beyond its highest record of other years and every dollar of it has been on the most carefully selected risks in approved localities and without demoralizing conditions of any kind, The Mutual's rank as the the largest, strongest, most stable life insurance company in the world is still easily maintained. It has returned to policy-holders and reserved or expended in their behalf the enormous sum of over one billion dollars ($1,000,000,000). No other company in the world has come near to those figures.

ADMIRAL SCHLEY.

Will Visit Several Southern Cities During the Next Two Months.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Admiral Schley left here this afternoon for Baltimore to pay a long deferred visit to his sister. He will return on Thursday to act as honorary pall bearer at the funeral of the late Rear Admiral Roe.

On January 8th Admiral Schley will go to Savannah, Ga., for a ten days' visit with Gen. William W. Gordon. On the 25th, 26th and 27th of January he will be the guest of the Hamilton Club, of Chicago; January 29th and 30th he will visit Louisville as the guest of the Board of Trade and the Knights Templar of that city; February 1st, 2nd and 3rd he will be in Nashville, as the guest of the Board of Trade and Knights Templar. He will visit Knoxville on February 5th and 6th as the guest of the city. The Memphis trip has been arranged finally for the last week of April.

The C. W. Polvogt Co. wish their friends and patrons a Happy and Prosperous New Year and extend to them a cordial welcome during 1902. †

Quality is what makes price. If Burnett's Vanilla Extract was no better than other extracts its price would be the same. Once tried always used.

AT THE CLOSE OF THE YEAR.

"The United States Treasury is in a Condition of Unexampled Strength."

EQUILIBRIUM IS MAINTAINED.

Public Debt Reduced—Material Increase in the Volume of Money in Circulation — Increase in Amount Per Capita $5 59.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—"The Treasury is in a condition of unexampled strength," said Secretary Gage to day, when asked to review briefly the Treasury situation at the close of the year. "Only a month ago, in my annual report to Congress, I reviewed these conditions. The figures for the last month have made but little change. For the calendar year we show receipts in excess of the ordinary expenditures amounting to one hundred million dollars. Such an excess might have resulted in serious embarrassment had not the department been able by means of this surplus to reduce the public debt in large amounts. Since April 1st last, the treasury has redeemed and cancelled United States bonds to the par value of $58,714,700, which have been applied to the sinking fund, and the disbursement resulting therefrom was $72,226,845. The available cash on hand is therefore only about $30,000,000 larger than the amount held a year ago.

"Comparing the situation as it is to-day with April 1, 1897, the result is most gratifying. On the latter day, the treasury held money of all kinds to the amount of $250,873 000, including $100,000,000 as a gold reserve leaving therefore $150,000,000 as a cash balance. To-day in money of all kinds the treasury holds $296,689,000, and if we deduct the $150,000,000 now held as a gold reserve the balance stands at $145,000,000, or $4,000,000 less than it was in April 1, 1897. It will be seen therefore that substantial equilibrium has been maintained.

"There has been very little material increase in the volume of money in circulation since March 1, 1897, as well as in the amount per capita. The volume of money on that date, outside the treasury, was $1,675,964,953 and the amount per capita was $23 14. On the first of December last, the amount of money ontside the treasury was $2,250,256,230 and the amount per capita was $38 73. The increase in amount, therefore, was $574,561,277 and the increase per capita was $5 59.

"The amount of gold coin and gold certificates in circulation increased from $553,860,515 on March 1, 1897, to $914,300,089 on December 1, 1900. Every other kind of money in circulation is greater in amount now than it was on March 1, 1897, with the single exception of the treasury notes of the act of July 14, 1890. The amount of these in circulation December 1, 1901 was only $40,012,622 as against $85,546,621 on March 1, 1897. This reduction in volume grows out of the natural operation of the act of July 14, 1890, and the act of March 14, 1900.

"The increase in the amount of national bank notes in circulation during the period in question was $133,132,731. This increase is mainly attributable to the act of March 1, 1900."

GERMANY AND VENEZUELA.

Coercive Measures Will Not be Resorted to Under Four or Five Weeks—Events May Shorten This Period.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

BERLIN, Dec. 31.—Until Dr. O. Schmidt-Leda, the German minister to Venezuela, arrives at Caracas, which will be about January 8th, nothing will be done by Herr Von Pilgrim-Baltazzi, the German charge d'affaires there, to press President Castro further. Dr. Schmidt-Leda bears instructions from the German government. The carrying out of the successive steps outlined in these instructions will end in coercive measures, which will probbably be applied in four or five weeks' time, if intermediate efforts shall have failed in the meantime. It is possible, however, that events may shorten this period.

PRELIMINARY HEARING TO-DAY.

James Wilcox, Held in Connection With the Death of Miss Cropsey.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ELIZABETH CITY, Dec. 31.—James Wilcox, who is held in connection with the death of Miss Ella Cropsey, will be given a preliminary hearing to-morrow before five justices. The citizens' committee of five investigating a possible clue to the cause of Miss Cropsey's death, will present evidence at the hearing to-morrow.

Wilcox is still confined within the jail here. Popular sentiment is very strong against him, but time has alleviated the feeling somewhat and the talk of lynching has ceased. Wilcox's mother, who is in delicate health, is said to be in a serious condition caused by the suspicion cast upon her son.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

☞ Notices For Rent or Sale, Lost or Found Wants, and other short Miscellaneous Advertisements inserted in this Department, in solid Nonpariel Type, for 1 cent per word each insertion; but no advertisement taken for less than 20 cents. Terms positively cash in advance.

For Sale—Three nice residences, good locality, near Street Car line. Satisfactory terms. A. J. Marshall, 214 Princess street. Jan 1 1w

Lost—Dark green lap robe, most probably on Third between Nun and Chesnut streets. Reward if left with Mr. Clayton Giles, at Carolina Insurance Building. jan 1 1t

Miss Jammie Lord will open day and night dancing classes at Germania Hall, on Monday, January 6th, 1902. Apply at 324 South Front street au tu fr ja 1 04 dec 22 8t

Notice—Call on us for Country Produce of all kinds, Chickens, Eggs, Butter, Liver Pudding, Quail and Fruits. Also, Vegetables in season. J. K. Westbrook & Co., wholesale and retail, 235 Market street, Bell 'Phone 447. dec 29 tf

The Dixie Cafe—Most popular place in town for quick lunches, meals and everything to refresh the inner man. Tables always supplied with oysters and game. Orders sent anywhere in the city. S. F. Harmon, proprietor, Princess street. dec 6 tf.

For the Next 30 Days I will sell at 10 per cent. discount, for cash, all Buggies, Carts, Drays and Wagons; also, Harness of all kinds, Whips, Robes and Collars. P. H. Hayden, Third street, opposite Court House. nov 17 tf

Notice—I have just received car of Jamaica Bananas. Also have Mountain Apples, Cabbage, Butter, Potatoes, Onions and all kinds of country produce. A. S. Winstead, 115 North Second street oct 4 tf

Choice Timothy Hay, Clover Hay, Straw, fresh ground Meal, Pearl Hominy, Flour, Grain and everything in the Feed line for horses, cows and chickens. John S. McEachern Sons, 211 Market street. Telephone No. 92. jy 8 tf

Old Newspapers for sale by the hundred at the STAR Office. Excellent for underlaying carpets, or for wrapping paper. oct 9 tf

Unique New Year's Greeting.

The Peoples' Savings Bank, of Wilmington, sends a handsome New Year's greeting to its friends and patrons through the postoffice to-day. It is in the form of a personal letter advising the recipient that its regular interest quarter begins to day, but in view of the fact that the bank is closed for the holiday, deposits made to-morrow will bear interest from Jan. 1st. Enclosed in the letter, with very best wishes, is a cashier's check on the "National Bank of Fortune" for "365 happy days value received in your friendship and kindly remember your well wisher, F. W. Dick, cashier."

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

ICE CREAM To-day.

E. WARREN & SON.

jan 1 1t

Office Supplies.

Before you buy your office supplies for the new year call and get my prices.

I have everything you will need in a first class office.

ROBERT C. DeROSSET,

107 Market St.

Bell 'Phone 26. dec 29 tf

Wanted, Furs.

5,000 Raccoon Skins.
5,000 Fox Skins.
5,000 Opossum Skins.
1,000 Mink Skins.

And Furs of all description. Highest prices paid. Quotations furnished on application.

SAM'L BEAR, Sr.,

nov 24 tf 15 Market street.

A CARD.

Notice is hereby given that Sam'l J. Springer has been admitted to membership in our firm.

J. A. SPRINGER & CO.

dec 25 1w

SIXTEENTH SERIES

NORTH CAROLINA HOME BUILDING ASSOCIATION.

The first instalment of the sixteenth series of the North Carolina Home Building Association is payable on Saturday, January 4th, 1902 All desiring stock should subscribe at once as only a limited number of shares will be issued.

FRANK H. STEDMAN,
Secretary and Treasurer.

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Correspondence solicited. nov 28 2m

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A CARLOAD OF

HORSES AND MULES,

the good kind, at the old price. I am still selling

Buggies and Harness at Cost.

If you want any of them in this line come and see me.

F. T. MILLS.

dec 21 tf

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER OF THE ATLANTIC COAST LINE RAILROAD COMPANY:

WILMINGTON, N. C., December 27, 1901.

The Board of Directors of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company have declared a dividend of one and one half (1½) per cent. on the common capital stock of that company, payable to all holders of record of January 1st, 1902. Dividend due and payable at the Treasurer's office, Wilmington, North Carolina, on and after January 10th, 1902. Transfer books will stand closed from December 31st, 1901, to January 9th, 1902, inclusive. JAS. F. POST,
dec 29 10t Secretary and Treasurer.

FOR RENT,

Dwellings, Stores, Offices, &c.

au 22 tf D. O'CONNOR.

THE CLIMAX.

The Climax Barber Shop, as its name indicates, has reached the highest point of style and excellence. Give us a trial and you will receive polite attention and high class workmanship.

GUION & DAVIS,
dec 4 tf 7 South Front St.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

"A MERRY XMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL."

Thanking you for past favors we ask a continuance of the same.

Mercer & Evans Co.

dec 28 tf

"Manufacturer" "Snyg"

Guaranteed Patent Leather Shoes for Men $3.50. Sold only by SOLOMON'S SHOE STORE.

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Cuban Blossom Cigar 5c

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A gentleman's smoke—better than most cigars

"MATCH IT" CHEROOTS
Sumatra wrapper—Same as 10c cigars.
"MATCH IT" CHEROOTS.
Try 'em—you won't smoke common stuff.

Vollers & Hashagen.

PROVISIONERS.

dec 29 tf

Esquimaux

Don't have much use for stoves. A fire in the middle of a snow hut, with an infinitesimal hole for a chimney, is good enough for them. But such an arrangement wouldn't be considered "just the thing" in this latitude. Here people need stoves and we keep them for sale—Parlor Stoves, Kitchen Stoves, Small Bedroom Stoves, and many odd sorts. The prices are adapted to persons with non-millionairish purses, too.

We have, too, a complete stock of Hardware, Agricultural Implements, Ammunition, &c.

J. W. Murchison & Co.,

ORTON BUILDING.

dec 5 tf

FOR CHRISTMAS!

WE HAVE

CANDY, CAKES, NUTS,

Raisins, Apples,

Oranges, Cocoanuts.

Also a full line of Canned Goods in connection with our regular stock of heavy groceries.

Write to us for prices.

Williams Bros.

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New Goods.

Bagging and Ties,

New Mullets,

FIRST PAT. FLOUR,

2ND PAT. FLOUR,
STRAIGHT FLOUR,
SUGAR, COFFEE, RICE,
MEAL, GRITS, MOLASSES
WHEAT BRAN,
CANNED GOODS, SOAP,
LYE, STARCH, SALT, &c.

Send me your orders.
Special attention given to consignments.

S. P. McNAIR.

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THE ATLANTIC NATIONAL BANK,

WILMINGTON, N. C., January 1, 1902.

The Directors of the Atlantic National Bank having declared the usual dividend of one per cent. on the capital stock for the month of December, same is now payable. Resident stockholders will please call for their checks.

ANDREW MORELAND, Cashier.

jan 1 tf

Thanks, Thanks, Many Thanks.

I would like to thank each person for their liberal Christmas trade. Our Store was the shopper's home.

Christmas has passed but New Year is coming.

In our toy department we have lots of good things left—Velocipedes, Tricycles, Baby Carriages, Go-carts, Goat Sulkies, Wagons, etc., that we are willing to sell at actual cost rather than carry them over. For Christmas trees we have all kinds of little toys that we will sell at one fourth of the price. Seventy-five cents buys a dollar's worth of goods in this line.

We have 300 pairs Kid Gloves to sell out, regular $1.00 Gloves, to close out, 25c a pair. A big lot of Men's Winter Gloves, all kinds and prices. A nice lot of Engineers' and Motormen's Gloves at 1.00 a pair. A lot of new styles in Men' Raglan Overcoats, been selling at $10.00, now 5.98 each. A nice line of Ladies' Water-proof Wool Mackintoshes at 2.30 to 3.98, worth 5.00. A big lot of Men's Overcoats, worth 10.00, all wool high grade goods, to close out at 5.00 to decrease our stock. We have 48 Taffatta Silk Shirtwaists, handsomely made, new style goods, that are worth 3.95 to 5.00 each, our price on them for your choice is 2.00. 20 Black Satin Shirt waists, worth 5.00, for 2.00 to close; 300 dozen Fancy Feathers just received, bought all a wholesale house had; fancy Cote Feather Breasts that sold for 50c, now 25c.

Just received 100 dozen fine new Hats that we are selling at less than half price—25c and 50c each; 1,000 yards Chiffon, in all colors, that we sold last season for 75c per yard, we will now sell for 25c. 84 pieces of quadruple plate Silverware to close out, goods that were 25c we will now sell for 17c a piece. Ebony handle, silver trimmed novelties for 9c each.

In our Overall Department we handle three standard lines, all union made. We handle Sweet Orr overalls and coats at 75c and 90c each. Morrim Bros.' union-made overalls at 50c, 75c and 90c. We have recently added a new line called the Newport overalls, the finest made for engineers, firemen and mechanics. They are made to fit. Price $1.00. A comparison is all we ask. We have a heavy weight, double knee overall at 37c a pair.

In our Shoe Department we have just received 48 cases of fine new Shoes. We are selling agents for this city for the Battle Axe brand. Every pair warranted solid leather and warranted to give satisfaction, or a new pair given in the place of them. We have them for boys and girls, men and women, from 75c to $2.50 a pair. Ladies' all solid, genuine Dongola top, patent tip shoes, well worth $1.25, our special price 98c.

Our line of Ladies "vicious" shoes are shoes that are strictly guaranteed, every pair, in all styles toes, button and lace, heel and spring heel; they are equal to any $2.00 shoe in looks, fit, quality and wear; our special price is $1.50 a pair; every pair guaranteed by the factory.

We have 1,000 yards sundries blue calico to sell for 4c this week; 5,000 yards of yard wide shirting at 4c per yard; 2,000 yards of heavy 10c outing to close out at 5½c—all good colors; a nice new line of tricot flannels just received, all colors; Pee Dee plaids at 4½c per yard; good bleaching at 5c.

We have a nice line of nickel center draft lamps, worth $1.75, our special price $1.48; a half gross lanterns at 10c each; a nice line of China cups and saucers at 10c each.

We have had the best year's business we have ever had since we have been in business, and we mean to double our energy for the coming year and sell more goods than ever. Our large three-story store is packed full of new and desirable goods—all clean, new, up to date stock, bought and paid for cash. We want your trade; we will punch your card with every cash purchase and give you a chair or table, or crockery ware, or rug free, and sell you more goods for less money than any store in the State.

GEO. O. GAYLORD'S Big Racket Store,

208 AND 210 NORTH FRONT STREET,

Agents for McCall's Patterns.

P. S.—A fine line of 1901 Calendars at half price; $1 ones for 50c, 50c ones for 25c, 25c ones for 13c, 10c ones for 5c. Also Christmas Cards at half price. dec 29 tf

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FIRE!

IS CONSIDERED A FAVOR SOMETIMES, BUT BUYING YOUR FIRE FROM OUR HIGH GRADE GRATE AND STOVE COAL will prove more satisfactory.

We give the best goods on the market and guarantee prices against all competitors.

Our fuel has not advanced in price this year, which is more than can be said of other commodities. Remember this fact and send orders to

J. A. Springer & Co.

nov 20 tf The Veteran Dealers.

A NEW SUIT FOR NEW YEAR'S

Will be the correct thing for you if you leave your order now with LEGER MEYER, the tailor. We make suits to order, perfect fitting, correct in style, at from $20 to $50. You have a great variety of exclusive patterns to choose from.

LEGER MEYER,

The People's Tailor,
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By virtue of an execution directed to the undersigned from the superior Court of New Hanover county in an action wherein the Chicago Organ Company is plaintiff and Robert Bronson defendant, I will on Monday, the 6th day of January, 1902, at 12 o'clock M. at the Court House door of said county, sell to the highest bidder for cash, to satisfy said execution, all the right, title and interest which the the said Robert Bronson, defendant, has in the following described real estate, to-wit: Beginning in the western line of Twelfth street 30 feet from the north western intersection of Dock and Twelfth streets, and running thence northwardly with said western line of Twelfth street 40 feet; thence westwardly and parallel with Dock street 60 feet; thence southwardly and parallel with Twelfth street 40 feet; thence eastwardly and parallel with Dock street 60 feet to the western line of Twelfth street, the beginning, the same being parts of lots 4 and 5 in Block No. 160, in the city of Wilmington, N. C.

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